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S. African Cabinet Split On Indian Issue?

1,500 Million Sterling Plan, Not The Limit

CHAMBERLAIN ON LOAN FOR DEFENCE

Speculators Anticipate Boom In Metal Market

LONDON, Feb. 17.

Introducing the Defence Loan resolution in the House of Commons, Mr. Neville Chamberlain said "the real justification for the loan was to be found in the unprecedented conditions which forced vast expenditure upon us.

Since the War, vast quantities of new weapons had been invented and also means of transport devices and equipment.

Even the figure of 1,500 millions over five years could not be regarded as final. If circumstances allowed them to reduce the programme, all the better. On the other hand, if conditions again changed disadvantageously, they might find that the figure did not represent the total which Britain would be obliged to spend for defence."

Replying to the interjection of Mr. Arthur Henderson asking whether Britain would be fighting her own battles or would be forming part of the system of collective security, Mr. Chamberlain said that it would not be in public interest to state the theory whom they were going to fight or who might be their allies. Government's plans were not directed against any particular power or group of powers, but it was the Government's duty to submit a programme necessary for the safety and fulfilment of their obligations.

IS IT WAR MEASURE?

Mr. Chamberlain continued, the Treasury would raise money either by Treasury Bills or various forms of loan, either with or without sinking fund. Major Attlee's assertion that it was essentially a war measure was fundamentally untrue because, fundamentally it was a measure for preservation of peace

Mr. Chamberlain concluded, no one, least of all the Chancellor of Exchequer could see the growing accumulation of burdens without feelings of disgust and shame that civilisation was preferring to break its own back instead of trying to settle its own differences by give and take. For the time being, they could do nothing but set their teeth and go forward with measures.

"DIGUISED TAX"

Mr. Pethick-Lawrence voiced the Labour opposition to the loan. He contended the policy of inflation had created a disguised tax which fell upon some backs least able to bear it and left the people fettered, with the burden of debt for years to come.

Sir Archibald Sinclair said, the Opposition Liberals would support any armament measure for which necessity had been proved. The House must be satisfied that it was getting the value for the money and Government were vigorously pursuing a policy of peace which would make a substantial part of this great armament expenditure unnecessary.

They could not afford to lay aside the seemingly high cost of seats which the Board of Works were already erecting in High Tiers on the main thoroughfares for Coronation, would not bring profit to Government according to a statement of Mr. Ramsay MacDonald in the Commons. The net cost of uncovered Government stands was 30 shillings per seat and covered seats 45 shillings. Projects to differentiate charges according to the means of the occupants of seats, had proved unworkable to the price of uncovered seats, which had been fixed at 15 shillings and covered 32 shillings and 6 pence. The Treasury would find the balance. Government seats had not been sold publicly, but had been allocated to persons chosen by groups amongst whom representation would be made.—Reuter.

SPECULATORS ON COMING BOOM

Bullish View In Metal Exchange

LONDON, Feb. 17.

The city, after recovering from the initial shock at the huge armament expenditure, is now busily trying to interpret the effects of the programme in terms of individual markets It is universally recognised that commodities, especially metals, must be the prime beneficiaries from expenditure. Hence operators on the metal exchange are talking up price, to hitherto undreamt levels, especially copper.

RUBBER PROSPECTS.

Opinion in Mincing Lane is more divided, regarding the prospects for rubber, some saying that Government's demands relative to the storing of raw materials can be amply met at present prices, especially if N. E. I. natives are allowed to produce 'ad libitum' others stating that the large potential N. E. I. native shipments are an unjustifiable bogey and a greater production of rubber is impossible. Hence prices must rise.

SPECULATORS BUSY.

Operators on the stock exchange are inclined to think that giltedged fall may now be arrested since it has already largely discounted the news, and a possible official intervention is now forthcoming.

Commodity shares are naturally particularly favoured, and bonds of those countries producing raw materials, especially Australia whose exchange, it is believed, may return to the sterling level.

Many are convinced that shipping shares must be good buying, in view of the enormous transport required and also some home rails, especially L.N.E.R. and G.W.R. in view of their serving the heavy industries in north-east coast and Wales. Industrials generally are considered high enough, though certain specialities for example iron steels are very likely to benefit considerably.—Reuter.

Peshawar.—Capt. A. J. Dring of the Political Department on return from leave, has been appointed Private Secretary to the Governor of the North-West Frontier Province, with effect from the date of his assuming charge, vice Capt. L. M. Barlow, who it is understood, proceeds on leave on March 4.

Voters, One & All, Line Up With Congress, & Nation's Nominees May Sweep Polls

City Election Forecast

In Bombay South, all the three Congress candidates have polled well, but some believe that Sir J. Boman Behram might possibly deadheat for the third place.

In Bombay North, the Congress nominees have sure chances. Possible upset: Doctor Ambedkar.

In 'G' Ward and Suburbs, all the three Congress candidates are "dead certs" and they are said to have cantered the race.

(For details: See Pages 7 & 8).

YOUR DUTY TO-DAY

Vote For Mrs. Deshmukh

Good News From Presidency

Just as in the City, the Congress nominees are reported to be faring well in the Presidency.

In Maharashtra centres like Nasik, Jalgaon and Poona, the Congress is leading. In Poona, there is a straight fight between the Congress and the Democrats.

News from Gujarat is equally encouraging.

Karnatak reports heavy polling and the Congress position is reported to be strong in Belgaum, Dharwar and Hubli.

(For details: See Page 10).

BEAUMONT INQUIRY ECHO

Board Of Cricket Control To Consider Views Of Provincial Bodies

(From Our Correspondent).

NEW DELHI: Feb. 17.

It is understood the Board of Cricket Control will meet on March 20 to consider the views of the Provincial Cricket Bodies and representations of parties concerned in connection with the Beaumont Committee's Report.

PUNJAB PARTY POSITION

LAHORE, Feb. 17.

The Punjab Legislative Assembly is now complete.

The final party position is:—

Unionists	99
Congress	18
Akali Congress	11
Khalsa Nationalist Party.	13
Hindu Election Board	12
Ahrars	2
Muslim League	1
Congress Nationalist	1
Ittihadimillat	2
Independents	16

The party alignments subsequent to the elections have been taken into account in the above position.

To-day's results include the victory of Mukundlal Puri (Hindu Board), over Biharilal Chanana (Congress Nationalist) from Rawalpindi division.

Chaudhary Kartarsingh (Congress) had an overwhelming victory over three Independents.—A. P.

CONGRESS GAINS 14 MORE SEATS

128 In House Of 228 In U. P. Assembly

LUCKNOW Feb. 17.

The Congress has captured fourteen more seats to-day, its total strength now being 128 in a House of 228 seats.

Latest party positions till the time of wiring (10 p.m.) are as follows:—

Congress	128
National Agriculturist Party	16
Muslim League	26
Independent Muslims	24
Independent Hindus	8
Europeans	3
Commerce	3
Landholders	4

Counting of 15 constituencies more remains out of which the Congress is contesting nine more including two Labour seats.—United Press.

Anti-Asiatic Bills' Sequel

Adjournment Carried After Heated Debate

CAPE TOWN: Feb. 17.

Three Bills by private members, dealing with the Indian question are before the Union Parliament.

The first Bill moved by General Pienaar on Jan. 12 seeks to prohibit marriages between Europeans and Asiatics. It came up for Second Reading last month, but a motion for adjournment was carried and the Bill is not likely to come up before the Assembly again during this session.

The second Bill, for which General Pienaar is also responsible, empower the Provincial Councils to prohibit employment of Europeans by non-Europeans in South Africa and the third Bill which was moved by Mr. Grobler, prohibits European, coloured and Malay women married to Asiatics and all children from such marriages from owning fixed property in Transvaal.

These two Bills were read for the first time on Feb. 9 and came up for second reading yesterday when Mr. Grobler moved that the Bills be referred to a Select Committee before second reading and the Committee's report be returned before March 30. This led to a heated discussion, in the course of which references were made to the differences of opinion in the Cabinet between certain prominent Ministers.

ADJOURNMENT CARRIED.

Finally, on Gen. Hertzog's motion, adjournment, which was opposed by several members of the Opposition parties, was carried by 65 votes to 18.

Besides the Prime Minister, seven Ministers were present in the House and all voted for the motion for adjournment.—Reuter.

AUTONOMY IN OPERATION

Punjab Governor Invites Sir Sikandar To Form Ministry

LAHORE, Feb. 17.

History was made to-day in terms of the new Indian Constitution when the leader of the majority party in the legislature was called upon by the head of the Province to undertake his responsibilities under Provincial Autonomy.

It is announced that H. E. the Governor of the Punjab has granted an interview to Sir Sikandar Hyat Khan and requested his assistance in forming a Council of Ministers. Sir Sikandar Hyat Khan has accepted the invitation of His Excellency.

Sir Sikandar, who is the leader of the Unionist Party, and has by far the largest following in the Punjab Assembly, thus gains the distinction of being the first Party Leader among the Indian Provinces to be called upon to perform the functions of Chief Ministers.—A. P.

ALIGNMENT OF PARTIES

Dr. Kitchlew As Leader Of Opposition

LAHORE, Feb. 17

The Akalis having officially declared their allegiance to the Congress creed, the complexion of membership of other radical groups makes it almost certain that the opposition will muster forty with Khalsa and Hindu Board parties, as unattached groups.

Dr. Kitchlew is most spoken of as likely to lead the opposition.

The feature of the election has been that Congress Nationalists whose only difference with the Congress is over the Communal Award issue have been completely thrown out of the picture except for the success of Mr. Bhagatram, and even he has now signed the Congress pledge. In achieving sixty per cent success in the elections, including cent per cent. in all urban constituencies, the Parliamentary Board is universally declared to have done very well in the circumstances.

The personnel of the ministry is expected to be known early in March.—A.P.

2,000 Germans Among Spanish Casualties?

GOVERNMENT TROOPS' CLAIM

Prolonged Battle For Capturing Madrid

VALENCIA: February 17.

The prolonged battle, 20 miles south-east of Madrid, is already on its second week, and is likely to prove a second Verdun, according to the Government sources, which claim to have inflicted 6,000 casualties on the insurgents in the past four days in fighting along the Plateau overlooking the Arganda Bridge, which the Government troops are still holding.

They assert that photographs of the dead bodies prove that 2,000 Germans were among the casualties.

JEANDELUTZE:—As a striking contrast to the bitterness with which the war is generally conducted, it is reported from some mountain posts on the Biscaye Front that troops of both sides gather together at night and sing songs round camp-fires.—Reuter.

BIG GOVERNMENT COUNTER-OFFENSIVE

MADRID, Feb. 17.

A big Government counter offensive was launched at 04-00 hours in Jarama Sector for the control of Madrid-Valencia road.

Military authorities this afternoon received encouraging reports of the progress of action.

It is reported, Insurgents were obliged to withdraw from the positions particularly those round San-Martindelavega.—Reuter.

Tragic Fate Of Lakh Of Refugees From Malaga

VALENCIA, Feb. 16.

Sufferings of over 100,000 refugees during their flight from Malaga to Almeria, to escape insurgents are described by Sgr. Oliver, Minister of Justice, in a report ordered by the Government.

Sgr. Oliver describes the exodus as a human cataclysm unknown in history of Europe. He alleges that on the road to Almeria the refugees were bombarded by Warships, bombed and machinegunned by aeroplanes and fired on from tanks.

LITTERED WITH DEAD.

The road was littered with the dead "many who could no longer walk strangled their children rather than let them fall into the hands of Fascists. They dashed their own heads against stones or threw themselves under the wheels of lorries". It is alleged that many children parted from their parents were trampled on by the crowd. Other refugees unable to walk crawled leaving trails of blood. Food and drink were scarce. At Almeria crowds unable to find shelter lay on the pavement.—Reuter's Special

IRELAND AND SPAIN

Bill In Dail To Ban Participation In War

DUBLIN, Feb. 17.

Mr. de Valera introduced in the Dail a bill prohibiting the Irish Free State citizens from participating in the Spanish war. Government regards the bill as an urgent measure and Second reading will be taken up to-morrow.

There are now, over thousand Irish Free State volunteers in Spain with General O'Duffy's brigade.—Reuter.

Ban On Volunteers To Spain From Feb. 20

LONDON, February 16.

A full meeting of the International Non-Intervention Committee will be held at the Foreign Office in the afternoon to endorse the agreement which as reported earlier was reached yesterday by the Chairman's Sub-Committee of that body.

The Sub-Committee agreed that ban on volunteers for service in Spain should come into operation at midnight of February 20.

As from that date they agree also to adopt a system of supervision prepared by the Technical Advisory Sub-Committee subject to final adjustment of outstanding questions connected therewith and they also agree to bring this scheme of supervision into operation as from midnight of March 6.

The Portuguese Government's position regarding supervision scheme has been reserved.—B.O.W.

STOP PRESS

ONE KILLED IN ELECTION SCUFFLE

POONA, Feb. 18.

Report of a serious election scuffle between Marwaris at Karad in Satara District resulting in one being killed and three injured and a clash between the volunteers of rival candidates in Sholapur resulting in a Congress volunteer being seriously injured are exceptions to the reports of peaceful elections held to-day all over Maharashtra for the Bombay Assembly for which Maharashtra will elect 66 members out of 175.

The Congress has put up 54 candidates who are opposed by nearly half a dozen parties, the Democratic Swarajists Party being the strongest with 13 candidates.

Reports received by the Congress Parliamentary Board state the Congress is leading in all districts.—A.P.

NARROW ESCAPE FOR M. L. C.

Car Completely Smashed In Accident On Kohat Road

PESHAWAR, Feb. 17.

Mr. Abdul Ghaffor Khan, member of the Congress Party in the Frontier Legislative Assembly, narrowly escaped to-day when his car was completely smashed in an accident on the Kohat Road.

KIDNAPPED.

A report has been received here that the gaduns of a tribal area, adjacent to the Mardan District, recently kidnapped one Fazal Gul with a considerable number of cattle from Bara, a border village.—A. P.

S. Sylhet Chaplain Dead

LONDON, Feb. 17.

The death has occurred of the Rev. W. E. White, aged forty, the European Chaplain for South Sylhet.—Reuter's Special.

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9. SITUATIONS VACANT.

Wanted Experienced Darkroom Man. Apply Novelty Studio, Grant Road Corner. (7776).

Wanted Manager and Accountant for Page Co-operative Stores Freelandgunj—Salary 65—30. Must have business experience. B. Com. preferred. Apply with testimonials to President. (7765).

Wanted qualified and Experienced Nurses (B. P. N. A.) for Sir Waghji Hospital. Apply with copies of testimonials to Dr. D. C. Oza, M.B., B.S., Chief Medical Officer, Morvi. (4839)

Wanted—Capable men to keep stock and push sale of Tea (packed and loose) on a fixed salary. Only experienced persons in the line need apply to Box 2500 "Bombay Chronicle".

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Wanted a qualified nurse and midwife. Apply with testimonials to the Chief Medical Officer, Palanpur State. (7769).

Wanted Young and Energetic actors and actresses knowing Tamil and well-versed in music to act in Tamil Talkie pictures. Apply with photos. Also Tamil Author who can compose songs and write crisp Dialogue. Apply Box No. 2502, "Bombay Chronicle".

Wanted—Immediately one fair-looking Anglo-Indian or Mahomedan Mistress to coach one minor girl. Knowledge of embroidery is essential. Apply stating pay, age and qualification to Box No. 2503, "Bombay Chronicle".

Wanted a B.Com. as an assistant in Cotton business, should be able to read and write Gujerathi. Persons with previous experience in cotton line will be given preference, salary according to qualifications and experience. Three months Probation. Apply with details about qualifications and copies of testimonials, stating salary expected to Box No. 7772, "Bombay Chronicle".

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Wanted—A Full-Trained Nurse with at least three year's experience for a Mills Hospital in Ahmedabad. Apply Box No. 2501, "Bombay Chronicle".

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Send "Chronicle" to your friends

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1.—To adopt the Directors' Report and the Audited Balance Sheet and the Profit & Loss Account for the year ending the 31st May 1936.
2.—To elect a Director in place of Dr. Vasco da Gama who retires by rotation, but being eligible, offers himself for re-election.
3.—To elect a Director in place of Mr. K. M. Raut who retires by rotation, but being eligible, offers himself for re-election.
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5.—To confirm the appointment of Mr. G. B. Afzulpurkar as a Director of the Company.
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NOTICE IS ALSO GIVEN pursuant to Section 144 of the Indian Companies Act that two notices have been received in time from the shareholders of the Company, one stating that the name of Messrs. Abhyankar & Co. and the other stating that the name of Messrs. Khare and Co., will be proposed at the General Meeting as Auditors of the Company for the current year.

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LANCASHIRE CLAMOURS FOR PREFERENCE

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themselves and deciding what is best.

Major Proctor said that he did not see how they were to conduct the negotiations unless there was some effective force behind the words used.

We tried methods of goodwill in India and when India participated in the Ottawa Agreements she was accorded the same treatment in every part of the Empire as Lancashire, with the result that Indian trade in textiles had increased by over 260 per cent to Ceylon and a hundred per cent to Malaya.

Use Strong Arm

Major Proctor continued that India could send Burma Indian textiles without duty, whereas Lancashire could not. Why should Lancashire be treated as if they were foreigners in the Empire?

Lancashire had done a great deal for India by taking her exports of raw cotton and he hoped that Government would use strong arm methods if India and Burma would not give them a fair deal.

Govt. "Cowardly"

Sir Alfred Knox asked why Burma was to be tied to the fiscal apron strings of India. Why not fiscal freedom for Burma, when we are giving it to India?

If the reason was that India would not accept, was not that rather a cowardly attitude on the part of Government?

Mr. Chorlton asserted that the order showed the utter neglect of the Paramount authority. Not only was the United Kingdom not mentioned directly, or otherwise, but there was no real opportunity to take any action. He urged the Government to make the provision that a representative from this country should participate in the prospective negotiations.

Stage Passed

Mr. Rhys Davies said that Major Proctor had evidently meant to advocate the use of the big stick but that stage had passed some years ago. As a Lancashire member, he regretted the loss to Lancashire of her export trade but reminded the House that Lancashire had sold textile manufacturing machinery to India.

No Sentiments

Mr. Radford said that the three year Agreement might go on for ever. As long as India and Burma were content with the "status quo" it would be impossible for Britain to make new arrangements to secure better terms.

It was no use thinking that because we had given India self-Government we were going to get sentimental gratitude from the Bombay millowners.

The British representatives at the forthcoming conferences should take care to see that India did not overlook the fact that, whereas our goods entering India paid twenty per cent. duty, India's linseed came here free when other countries had to pay ten per cent. duty.

Dictation From Bombay

Sir John Haslam maintained that the time would come when the representatives of India should realise who were their best friends and not allow their policy to be dictated by a few manufacturers in Bombay.

We did not desire to quarrel with India or Indian representatives, but he asked for fair play for everyone concerned. They had shown by example and precedent what they were prepared to do, and it behoved India to reciprocate.

Wrong Advice

Mr. Spens asserted that they would be very ill-advised to disturb the present Indo-Burma trade. It was essential that there should be time for rearrangement to be effected.

Sir John Wardlaw-Milne said that if there was not some continuation of the present position and ample time for the new Governments of India and Burma to get into their stride there might easily be complete chaos in the two countries. He opined that the Lancashire members had a very strong case when it came to the argument for a new agreement regarding Lancashire, but if this order was not passed the position of Lancashire might be very much worse.

Not Equitable

Major Entwistle pointed out that a year's notice must be given to terminate the Agreement. He urged the British Government to take the initiative two years hence and enter into discussions with the Burmese Government and examine the matter in the light of the mutual interests of Great Britain and Burma.

On behalf of the Lancashire members he maintained that the present Anglo-Indian relations were not equitable.

Butler's Reply

Mr. Butler replying to the debate said that Government sympathised with the difficulties with which Lancashire had to contend. Government also bore in mind the statement regarding the amount of British capital involved in financing and controlling the vast trade of natural products between Burma and India.

He could imagine nothing worse for the interests of Burma and India or Britain than if by any action the House of Commons were to ignore the advice of the Select Committee and permit a tariff war to arise between Burma and India or allow complete dislocation of their trade to ensue.

Prepared To Amend

Mr. Butler said that the fears of the Lancashire members that the order was going on in perpetuity had not very great basis in fact. They believed that almost immediate steps would be taken to negotiate a new agreement with Lancashire.

Alluding to the view of the British exporter, Mr. Butler said that, were any agreement during this year to result in such considerable alternations in the tariff schedule as to make the order unworkable in the present form, the British Government would be prepared to introduce an amending order. That would show members that they believed that there were possibilities of agreement under the order itself.

It was not their intention that the amending order should depart from the general principle of the interdependence of Burma and India trade. They always envisaged the possibility that Burma might find it convenient to reduce her tariff level in some categories.

For British Interests

Turning to the longer view, Mr. Butler said that Government always envisaged that perhaps the interests of India were not entirely secured for ever by the order.

It was just as possible that India might find it to her interests to give notice to terminate the order, or Burma might act likewise. There was likely to be an interim order.

Mr. Butler assured the House that the Board of Trade, if approached, would be ready to present the views of the British exporting interests to the Governments concerned, and added that this would show that Government stood for British interests just as much as members on all sides of the House.

Burma had to consider how the economic interests of Burma were to be safeguarded by the order because it was said that Burma had no indigenous cotton industry to protect. Why therefore should she have to adhere to the Indian tariff? Burma had come to the conclusion that she would rather adhere to the inter-dependence of her trade with India and not quarrel with India over this point and be ready to adhere to the Indian tariff schedule in this manner, than risk the displeasure and competition of India in her more important natural products on which she depended so much.

Butler's Warning

Mr. Butler, in conclusion, warned Lancashire that Lancashire trade with Burma was approximately one-tenth of the trade between Lancashire and India. Therefore, for the sake of the advantages of the Burma market it was very much in the interests of Lancashire not to prejudice the advantages of the Indian market which would be secured by not disturbing any further Indian sentiment on this point. While every opportunity should be given to British interests to negotiate in the near future they should at this stage do nothing to disturb the free trade between India and Burma, because they believe that the dislocation would do more harm to India, Burma and ourselves that it would be worth.

Discussion Adjourned

The debate on the order was adjourned pending discussion in the Lords.

The remaining eleven Orders were formally moved. Discussion was adjourned for the same reason.—Reuter.

TRAINED DETENUS TO BE RELEASED

CALCUTTA, Feb. 17.

It is understood that 45 detenus have been ordered to be released on the completion of their agricultural industrial training at Dum Dum.—A.P.

TROUBLE IN D. A. V. COLLEGE

Seven Hundred Students Go On Strike Sequel To Principal's Order

CAWNPORE, Feb. 17.

Over 700 students of the Dayanand Anglo-Vedic College have gone on strike as a protest against a notice served on 70 of the students residing in the College Hostel for alleged breach of the Principal's orders prohibiting them from staying away from the Hostel premises without leave of absence on the election days, namely February 6, 7, and 8.

The notice says that absence without leave is a clear breach of College discipline and has been noted as such against the absentees. It will receive due consideration when the Principal has to express an opinion about the student's conduct and behaviour in their testimonials or otherwise.

Several students approached the Principal urging consideration of the notice, but he remains firm in his attitude.—A.P.

SOCIALIST'S HOUSE RAIDED

LAHORE, Feb. 17.

A message just received from Rohtak says that the Police conducted searches in the house of Mr. Mangaram Vasta, General Secretary of the Punjab Congress Socialist Party, in his absence.

Nothing incriminating was reported to have been found. But, it is alleged that the search was in connection with the recent Sonepat Bomb Explosion.—United Press.

IN AID OF SPANISH GOVT.

Bengal Labour Move To Collect Relief Fund

ALLAHABAD, Feb. 17.

Mr. Narendradutt Mazumdar, the recently elected Labour representative to the Bengal Assembly, arrived here yesterday in connection with the organisation of a Relief Committee in aid of "the brave fighters for democracy in Spain."

The Committee, which is being organised on the initiative of the Bengal Labour Party, will attempt to create interest in Spanish affairs and enlist public support for the Spanish Government, because "the fight in Spain is no longer a civil war but an Italo-German Fascist attack on Democracy."

It is proposed to hold in this connection an All-India Conference soon after the meeting of the National Convention at Delhi and to collect funds which will be remitted to the Spanish Government

An appeal will be issued shortly on behalf of prominent public men, including Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru drawing public attention to "the drama which is being played on Spanish soil."—A. P.

Justice Henderson Made Permanent

NEW DELHI, Feb. 17.

A press communique states that Mr. Justice A. G. R. Henderson, I.C.S., acting Additional Judge, Calcutta High Court, is to be permanent Judge with effect from 1st March, 1937 vice Mr. Justice Dwarkanath Mitter retired.—A.P.

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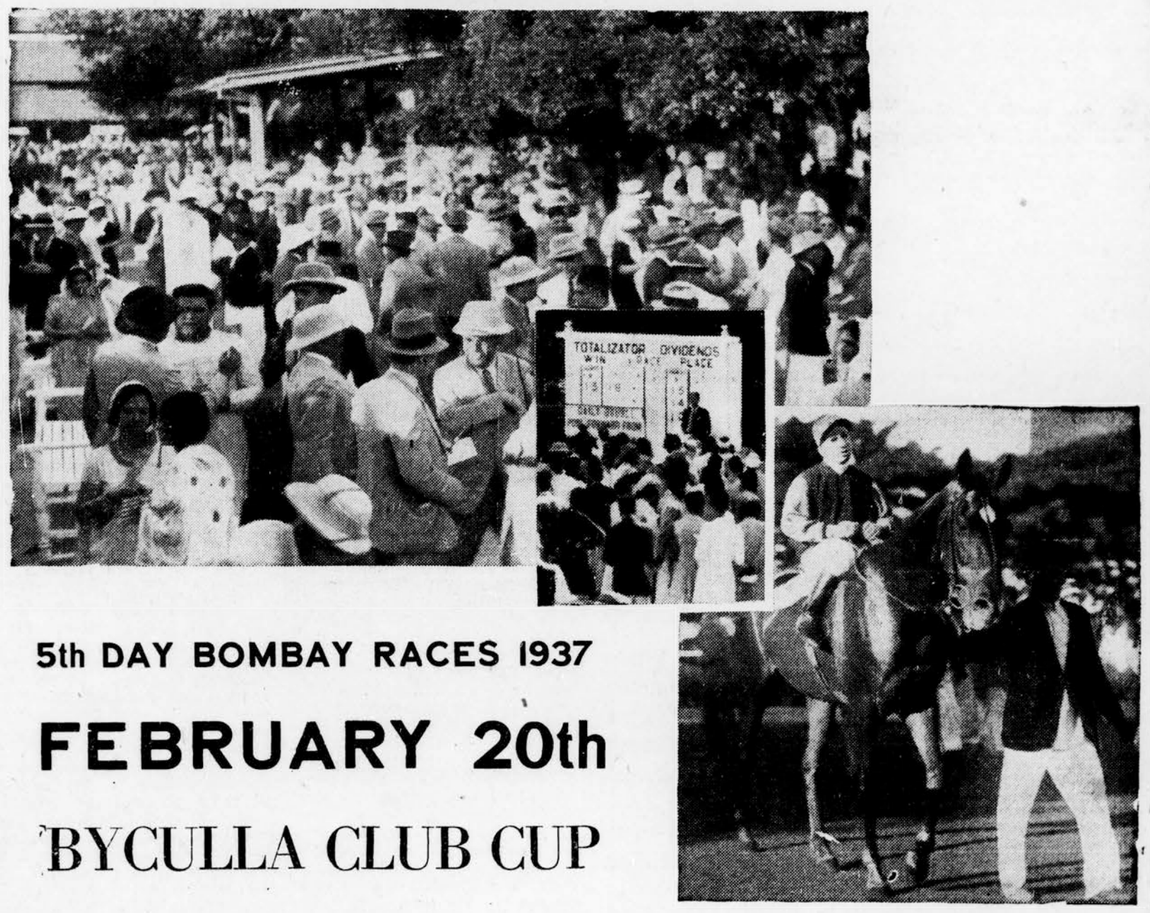

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Ames, c Hynes, b Lush	60
Robins, b Hynes	7
Sims, l-b-w, b Hynes	8
Duckworth (not out)	15
Farnes, b Lush	0
Copson, b Lush	0
Extras	10
Total	299

Lush captured seven wickets for seventy-two, while Hynes the rest three for 76.—Reuter.

Swastik League Races

In the Three Miles Fast Walking Race (for members above age 40), 19 competitors of ages varying from 40 to 70 years, took part. The race started from the Pathe Cinema at Lamington Road via the New Queen's Road, reaching St. Elizabeth Nursing Home, and back to the starting point. Mr. B. C. Kagalwalla was leading from the very start and came first, completing the course in 34.25 minutes. Mr. V. B. Phadnis and Mr. R. N. Pitale came second and third respectively, within a minute and a minute and a half, after the winner.

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Bombay Programme

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Calcutta Programme

VUC 370.4 metres 810 kcs 49.10 metres 6109 kcs (Add 24 minutes to all timings for Calcutta time)

12-36 p.m. SB The Radio Sextette An Instrumental Programme from the Studio Calcutta weather Bulletin for Ocean and Rivercraft. 1-56 p.m. A Broadcast for School Students, Talk: "The History of Bengal." The Beginning of the Pal Dynasty. By Nripen Chatterjee. A discussion between three students: "The Best Way to Spend a Thousand Rupees". 2-6 p.m. Bengali Song Bani Kanta Guha, 2-16 p.m. A Story: "Monsters of the Deep." by Sachi Kanta Guha, 2-31 p.m. Violin Solo Phanindra Nath Bose 2-41 p.m. Piano and Violin Duet Phanindra Nath Bose, Sachi Bilas Mitra, 2-51 p.m. Talk: "Woman's Status through the Ages." No. 3. The New Indian Constitution and Women by Mrs. P. K. Roy, 5-6 p.m. A Broadcast for Rural Areas, 5-36 p.m. Ram Prasadi Song Dhiren Das, 5-51 p.m. Light Bengali Song Binapani No. 2 6-6 Old Style Bengali Song Kalipada Pathak, 6-21 A Musical Variety by the Members of The Sangit Sangha, Arranged by Dr. A. K. Chowdhury, 7-51 p.m. Religious Song. Bhabatosh Bhattacharjee, 8-6 p.m. SB Talk: Prevention of Famine" by Maulvi Zia-ul-Islam, 8-21 p.m. SB Gazals (Hindustani) Radharani, 8-41 p.m. SB Commercial News and Weather Report (In Bengali) 8-46 p.m. SB The News and Announcements 9-1 p.m. SB Commercial News and Weather Report (In English) 9-6 p.m. SB The News and Announcements, 9-21 p.m. SB Talk (English): "Humour in Court" No. 2 by R. C. Bannerjee, 9-36 p.m. Studio Concert Meg Robertson Soprano, Sydney Pearch Flautist, Kathleen K. Finlay Pianist.

Delhi Programme

VUD 340.13 metres 882 kcs

8-0 a.m. Indian music, 9-0 a.m. Talk (Hindustani): "Qilai Mualla" by Sayed Jahan Shah, The Red Fort of Delhi was once the Residential Palace of Shah Jahan. This talk will describe the life then lived by the Emperor and those around him, 9-15 a.m. Irshad Ali Ghazals, 9-35 a.m. Air Orchestra Sindh. Bhairvin, 9-45 a.m. Afzal Husain, "Balamwa tum kia jano preet," Dadra, "Najariya lagi re more Ram." Thumri Bhairvin, "Abas hai fikr mahabat men charagar ke liye, Woh khak-i-pa teri sandal hai dard-i-sar ke-liye" 10-15 a.m. Irshad Ali. Theatrical Songs, 1-0 p.m. A light Orchestral Programme (Recorded), 2-0 p. m. "Hum Bhi Hain" (A programme arranged for Women), Bhajan, 2-5 p.m. The News, 2-15 p.m. Songs by Saraswati Menon, 2-20 p.m. Talk: "The work of the Municipality." No. 5 City Water Supply by Dr. Nirula, 2-40 p.m. Household Hints: "Delicious Greens", 5-0 p.m. 1st News and Weather Report (English), 5-10 p.m. News and Weather Report (Hindustani), 5-20 p.m. Air Orchestra Puriya Dhanasri, 5-30 p.m Afzal Husain, Khayal Aman Kalyan, Thumri Tilak Kamod "Ashna ho kar nazar na ashna karne lage Ham se kia dexta keh tum tas-i-haya karne lage." (Hasrat) 6-0 p m Kamod on Sitar, 6-10 p.m Umrao Tia Begam. Light and Classical Music, She has made a great name as a Gramophone Recordist and a Film Star, 6-40 p.m. Afzal Husain Khamsa Dadra, 7-0 p.m "For Villagers Only" (Time Signal and Market Rates at 7-30 p.m.) 8-0 p.m. Talk (Hindustani). "Twice Told Tales" No. 7 An old Egyptian Legend. (A tale that was first told 35 hundred years ago) by Dr. Mansoor Ahmad, 8-15 p.m. Air Orchestra. Adana Kandra, 8-30 p.m. Umrao Tia Begam Classical and Light Music, 9-15 p.m. 2nd News and Weather Report (Hindustani) 9-30 p.m. Time signal 2nd news and weather report (English) 9-45 p.m. Talk (English): "Land of Marvels". No. 5 The Grand Trunk Road by L. R. Nair. In this talk Mr. L. R. Nair who has done research work on the subject will take us along the Grand Trunk road from Landikotal to Calcutta a distance of about 1356 miles and give us not only a panoramic view of the India of To-day but also glimpses of India through the ages, (Relayed from Lahore). 10-0 p.m. 'The Table Under the Tree' by Wilfred Rooke Ley produced by Bryan Michie (A BBC Recorded Programme).

Mysore Programme

6-30 p.m. to 8 p.m. (i) Tamil Drama "Pattinathar" (ii) Civics. "The Unemployed" by N. Kasturi Esq. M.A., B.L.

Phohi Programme

(Wavelength 16.88m.)

18-00 National anthem—Opening announcement; 18-10 Recital by Mrs. Bolten Soprano; 18-30 Well-known people before the Phohi Microphone, 18-50 Talk on behalf of the V.P.R.O. 19-10 Recital contd. 19-30 News items, 19-40 Gram records.

OKHA PORT NEWS

BOMBAY, February 16.

The Port Officer, Okha Port, wires as follows:—

S.S. "Pasha" of Asiatic Steam Navigation Company arrived on the 25th ultimo, loaded 7,924 tons of salt and 50 tons of magnesium chloride for Calcutta, and left on the 9th instant.

S.S. "Rotenfels" of the Hansa Line arrived on the 8th instant, discharged 483 tons of general cargo from Hamburg, Bremen and Antwerp. Loaded magnesium chloride, 20 tons for Antwerp and 40 tons for Rotterdam, and left on the 9th instant.

S.S "Tarantia" of the Anchor Line arrived on the 8th instant, discharged 225 tons of general cargo from Glasgow, Liverpool and Swansea, loaded 40 tons of magnesium chloride for Manchester and left on the 9th instant.

S.S. "Nawab" of the Asiatic Steam Navigation Company arrived on the 12th instant, loaded 3,250 tons of cement for Chittagong and left on the 15th instant.—A.P.

Empire Parliamentary Delegation

NEW DELHI, Feb. 16.

The "United Press" learns that Mr. R. B. Ramsaran Das, Leader of the Opposition in the Council of State, has been invited to join the Empire Parliamentary Association's Delegation which sails for London in the second week of April to participate in the Coronation celebrations.—United Press.

COMPENSATION FOR WORKMEN

Gennings Explains Its Working

The Workmen's Compensation Act had largely fulfilled its purpose from the point of view of administration and adjudication and that it was simpler than the Acts in other countries, was the view expressed by Mr. J. F. Gennings, the Labour Commissioner of Bombay, speaking on the Workmen's Compensation Act at Sir Dorab Tata School of Social Work on Tuesday evening. Dr. Clifford Manshardt presided.

After discussing the scope compensation on various grounds the lecturer proceeded to explain the mode of its working in India.

The lecturer explained the comprehensive nature of the Act where the "Commissioner" had wide discretionary powers to be used in favour of the workman.

The Commissioner had the Co-operation of the various, executive departments and the press in its working.

To a questioner at the end of the lecture, he pointed out that the Act applied to all irrespective of Manual labourers of intellectual workers subject to a maximum salary of Rs. 300 per month.

A vote of thanks was proposed by the president to the lecturer who gave a "masterly and explanatory, exposition of the Act."

Marathi One-Pice Daily For Bombay

BOMBAY, Tuesday.

Mr. P. N. Rajbhoj, Harijan leader of Maharashtra, declared himself before the Chief Presidency Magistrate as the Editor, printer and publisher of "Prakash," a Marathi one-pice daily. The magistrate granted permission for the publication of the paper which comes out from Monday, the 22nd instant.—United Press.

COMMUNAL RIOT IN U. P. VILLAGE

Sixteen Persons Seriously Injured

DEHRADUN, Feb. 16.

A serious communal riot occurred last evening in Buddhi village in Western Doon about eight miles from here, in which ten Muslims and six Hindus were seriously injured and the village mosque was set fire to, it is alleged, by an infuriated Hindu mob.

The trouble arose over the playing of music before the village mosque by a Hindu marriage procession, to which the Muslims objected. It eventually led to a free street fight, in which brikbats and lathis are stated to have been used. The worst type of communal frenzy was witnessed in the vicinity of the mosque, the riot lasting about two hours. Hindus, it is stated, set fire to the mosque again at midnight.

The City police headed by the Kotwal proceeded to the village today and restored order after taking the alleged offenders into custody.—A.P.

WOMAN DETENU'S APPEAL TURNED DOWN

CALCUTTA, February 17.

The application of Miss Renuka Sen against the order of the Sessions Judge of Dacca, upholding her conviction under the Bengal Criminal Law Amendment Act, was dismissed by the High Court to-day.

Miss Sen, who was formerly a detenu, was permitted to live in her grandfather's house at Munshigung, but she was directed to report her attendance to the local Police Station, which, however, she failed to do on September 6, 1936.

For this offence she was sentenced by the Deputy Magistrate to fourteen days' simple imprisonment.—A.P.

Money-Lender Shot At

LAHORE, Feb. 16.

Sensation prevailed in the village Pandoke under the jurisdiction of the Kanakachah Police Station when a Hindu money-lender Beharilal, was shot at, it is alleged, with revolver by two persons of the same village.

The money-lender's deposition in a criminal case against one of the alleged assailants is believed to be the cause of the occurrence.

The victim fell down unconscious while the assailants escaped and despite police investigation they are at large.—United Press.

An Aurangabad correspondent writes:—"It is gathered that in honour of the Silver Jubilee of H.E.H. the Nizam of Hyderabad and Berar, the Managing Board of the Saraswati Bhuwan Pathashala, Aurangabad, is going to celebrate the opening ceremony of "The Silver Jubilee High School" on 21st February in anticipation of the sanction."

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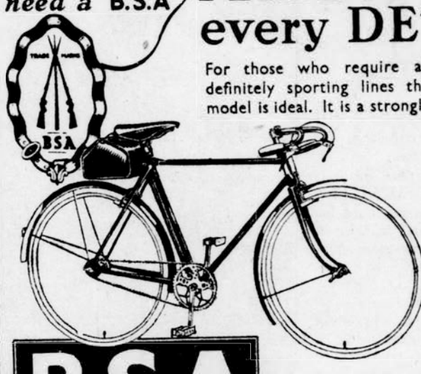

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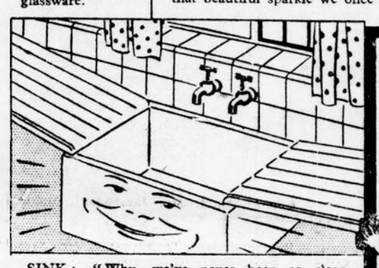

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LOCAL ENGAGEMENTS

To-Day

Hindu: Magh Shud 7, 1993
Muslim: Jilhej 6, 1305
Parsi: Sheherever 16, 1306
Hightide: 4-25; 18-00
Lowtide: 10-54; 23-52
Sunrise: 7h. 5m.
Sunset: 6h. 40m.

Bombay, Legislative Assembly Elections: Election of a woman member by the voters of "D" Ward. Polling hours 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Friday, February 19.

Bombay Legislative Council Election: Counting of votes for all constituencies, 8 a.m.

Municipal Corporation, 3-40 p.m.

Saturday, February 20.

S. S. Viceroy of India with homeward mails sails at 1 p.m.

Bombay Races: Big Meeting, Last Day.

"LOKAMANYA" EDITOR OPERATED

Mr. D. G. Savarkar, Editor, "Lokamanya" has been operated to-day by Dr. Mulgaonkar in J. J. Hospital for Hernia.

LECTURES ON VEDIC SCIENCES

Pt. Shashtri Motilalji of Jaipur, Shree Madhusudan Oza, is delivering a series of lectures on Oriental Vaidic (Hygienic) Science. The lectures are given at Madhav Baug (C. P. Tank Road) daily at 6-30 p.m. upto Saturday (20th inst.)

SOCIAL WORKERS' TRAINING CLASS

The following students of the Social Workers' Training Class, conducted by the Social Service League, Bombay, have passed the examination held in 1936:—Miss Mary E. Goes; Mr. M. B. Vagal; Mr. D. N. Naik; Mr. D. B. Angadi; Miss V. B. Patkar; Miss S. Sthalekar; Mr. D. N. Dastur; Mr. G. S. Desai; and Miss M. B. Patkar.

POSTAL HOLIDAY

Monday the 22nd February 1937, will be a Post Office holiday on account of "Bakri-Id".

All the Departments of the Bombay G.P.O., and its town sub-offices will be observed on that day the same working hours as on Sundays.

The Telegraph Branches of the undermentioned combined offices will however remain open and work as usual.

Colaba, Kalbadevi, Masjid, Mazgaon, Bombay G.P.O., Byculla, Girgaon, M. Hill, Parel, Dadar, Dharavi, Bandra, Mahim, Mandvi, Grant Road.

The remaining combined offices will remain entirely closed on that day.

AMUSEMENTS OF THE DAY

CAPITOL—"Smartest Girl in Town." Daily at 4, 6-30 and 10 p.m.

CENTRAL—"Tukaram". Daily at 5-15, 8 and 10-45 p.m.

EMPIRE—"Little Miss Nobody" Daily at 4, 6-30 and 10 p.m.

EXCELSIOR—"All In" Daily at 4, 6-30 and 10 p.m.

IMPERIAL—"Desh-Diwan." Daily at 5-15, 8 and 10-45 p.m.

MAJESTIC—"Dharmaveer" Daily at 5-15, 8 and 10-45 p.m.

MINERVA—"Dalit Kusum." Daily at 5-30, 8 and 10-45 p.m.

PATHE—"The Jungle Princess" Daily at 3-30, 6-30 and 10 p.m.

PLAZA—"Clutching Hand." Daily at 6-30 and 10 p.m.

REGAL—"Dishonour Bright". Daily at 4, 6-30 and 10 p.m.

ROXY—"Pratima". Daily at 5-15, 8-0 and 10-45 p.m.

ROYAL OPERA—"Izzat". Daily at 5-15, 8 and 10-30 p.m.

WELLINGTON—"Dharmaveer." Daily at 5-15, 8 and 10-45 p.m.

TELEGRAPH NOTIFICATION

Greeting telegrams are accepted from the 17th to 28th inst. i.e. on the occasion of "Ideladha" for Great Britain and Northern Ireland at Rs. two annas three for ten words and three and half annas for each additional word and for Iraq via Karachi at same rate as for daily letter telegram, subject to a minimum charge for ten words per telegram, including the indication XLT which should be inserted before the address.

GRASS MERCHANTS' AID TO CONGRESS

The Secretary writes:—

Congress Parliamentary Committee have pleasure in announcing that the Grass Merchants' Association have, besides promising support in the form of votes to Congress candidates, paid a contribution of Rs. 235 towards election expenses.

Let it not be supposed that because elections are over there will be no need for funds. There will be liabilities to discharge even after the elections and contributions will be thankfully received.

INDIANS IN ZANZIBAR

A public meeting of the citizens of Bombay under the auspices of the Imperial Indian Citizenship Association to protest against the anti-Indian legislation of the Government of Zanzibar will be held at the Sir Cawasjee Jehangir Hall to-morrow (Friday), at 6 p.m. (S.T.). Mr. Jamnadas Mehta, the Mayor, will preside.

Among the Speakers will be:—Sir Purshotamdas Thakurdas, Mrs. Sarojini Naidu, Sir Phiroze C. Sethna, Messrs. Govindlal Shivlal Motilal, Hooseinbhoy A. Lalljee, K. Natarajan, Mavji G. Seth, Mr. Tyabali, Barrister of Zanzibar and B. L. Anantani, Editor, "The Zanzibar Voice."

DRAMATIC COMPETITION

Aids Parsi Charity

An interesting programme of dramatic competition open to Parsi schools and colleges was organised on Sunday last in aid of the Dadar Parsi Maternal and Child Welfare Clinic.

Even items of dramatic interest cheered the crowded audience at the Regal. Miss Moti Umrigar of the N. J. Wadia School secured the first prize. The second prize awarded to Mr. Fredoon Parekh of the St. Xavier's College and the third prize was secured by Miss Dhun Edulbeharam of the N. J. Wadia School.

The Judges were Miss Navajbai Contractor, Fr. Lawrence and Mr. Kanaiyalal Vakil.

Lady Billimoria who graced the occasion started the donations with a gift of Rs. 100.

The services of Dr. Miss Khambata were appreciated and it was announced that nearly three hundred persons had taken advantage of the institution.

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RECEPTION TO MULLAJI SAHIB

High Priest Of Bohras Arrives On Haj At Mecca

BOMBAY Wednesday.

The Secretary of the Egyptian Association Bombay has received the following cable to-day from Mecca:—

His Holiness Syedna Taher Saifuddin, the Mullaji Saheb of the Dawoodi Bohras, arrived at Messa to participate in the Haj Ceremony by s. s. "Kawsar" from Suez.

The Mullaji Saheb was given a grand reception by Shaik Tabdulla Suleman, the Finance Minister, Fuad Beg Hamza, the Foreign Minister, the Governor of Jeddah and notables and gentry of Mecca.

On behalf of King Ibn Saaud, himself, his chief A. D. C., Shaikh Ebrahim Suleman accorded the High Priest a magnificent welcome, and conveyed him the greetings of His Majesty.

During his stay in Hedaj, His Holiness was the State guest of King Ibn Saaud, and everyone paid tributes to him.

SUBURBAN TABLE TENNIS TOURNAMENT

Dass And Barafwala To Meet In Finals

BOMBAY: Wednesday.

A high standard of table-tennis, touching the highest mark of skill and accuracy, was witnessed in the matches played in the Bombay Suburban Table Tennis Tournament at the Bandra Gymkhana yesterday evening.

In the Men's Singles, J. Dass, India's representative at the International Championship and Barafwala, the Bombay Presidency Champion, qualified to meet in the finals to-morrow evening, beating G. N. Lalljee and Mancherjee respectively in the semi-final rounds this evening.

The results:—

MEN'S SINGLES:—H. M. Barafwala beat Mancherjee 21—15; 21—13.

J. Dass beat G. N. Lalljee 21—11, 21—18.

MEN'S DOUBLES:—J. Dass and H. M. Barafwala beat Parelwala and Guzder 21—11; 21—15.

R. Kumana and K. H. Kapadia beat H. M. Frenchman and Akhtar 21—7; 21—9.

PROGRAMME OF MATCHES FOR TO-DAY:

MEN'S SINGLES (Finals):—J. Dass v. H. M. Barafwala.

MEN'S DOUBLES (Finals):—J. Dass and H. M. Barafwala v. R. Kumana and K. H. Kapadia.

AIR TRANSPORT

A New Company To Take Up Bombay-Kathiawar Service

Up to now the rates of Air Travel for passengers have been very prohibitive. The rates for chartered planes are still more so.

The Company, whose prospectus is published to-day in this journal, is the first of its kind started in India to provide air transport for the average businessmen at the rate of a little more than second class rail fare.

The Company will start a regular service between Bombay-Ahmedabad and various parts of Kathiawar, such as, Bhavnagar, Rajkot, Porbander and Jamnagar. The Board of Directors consists of prominent persons, such as the Rt. Hon. the Earl of Ronaldshay, Sheth Chamanlal Girdharlal Parekh, Mill-owner Ahmedabad, Col. Raj Kumar Shree Pratapsinhji, Nawanagar, Mr. Tribhovandas J. Raja, M.A., LL.B., Dewan, Porbunder State, and others.

The wordings of certain clauses in the Prospectus, such as the Managing Agents' commission clause and the Agency Renewal clause, are verbatim copies of the New Act, and are meant to safeguard the interests of the shareholders. A second point in the prospectus, which is to be taken into account, is that there is no minimum allowance fixed for the Managing Agents. So, if in any year the Company does not make any profits, they will get nothing. With subsidies from some of the Kathiawar States and economical and efficient management, the company hopes that its efforts will be crowned with entire success.

RAILWAY TIME TABLE

G. I. P. Railway.

TIMINGS AT VICTORIA TERMINUS

Timings at Victoria Terminus on and from Jan 11, 1937:—

Trains	Arr. H.M.	Dep. H.M
Madras Mail	6 00	22 00
Peshawar and Lucknow Express	6 15	23 00
Calcutta Mail via Nagpur	7 30	17 45
Calcutta Mail via Chheoki	8 15	20 55
Madras Express	10 10	15 0
Deccan Queen (on Mondays only)	10 30	
Deccan Queen (on Fridays only)		17 15
Poona Mail	10 25	17 30
Punjab Mail	10 55	18 55
Nagpur Express	14 55	21 10
Poona Fast Passenger	17 0	11 50
Poona Express	19 38	8 15
Allahabad Express	20 15	7 0

B. B. & C. I. Railway

TIMINGS AT BOMBAY CENTRAL

Mail, Express and Passenger train timing in force from 1st October 1936:—

Trains	Arr. H.M.	Dep H.M.
Ahmedabad Passengers	5 35	22 20
Delhi Express	6 00	22 05
Gujarat Mail	6 45	20 25
Kathiawar Mail	7 40	21 50
Frontier Mail	8 30	21 30
Frontier Mail on Saturdays	8 31	—
Ahmedabad Passenger	14 20	13 40
Kathiawar Express	19 00	8 45
Baroda Passenger	21 10	8 55

ARRIVALS AT BALLARD PIER

Frontier Mail (on Saturdays only) for passengers for Europe at	8 30

VOTE FOR Mrs. DESHMUKH

Congress Appeal To "D" Ward

VOTERS OF 'D' WARD:—

Your duty is not yet finished. To-day you (men and women) have all to go to the same polling stations as yesterday and cast one vote for Mrs. ANNAPURNABAI G. DESHMUKH.

P. R. Lele,
President,
'D' Ward Congress Committee.

W. I. LAWN TENNIS TOURNAMENT

Matches For To-day (Thursday)

QUEEN'S ROAD COURTS: AT 4 P. M.

CENTRE COURT:—H. C. Sansoni v. Lalit Kumar

Followed by:—J. M. Mehta v. A. C. Suntook.

Followed by:—J. Charanjiva v. T. Shibata

COURT NO. 1:—N. D. Sirur v. Dr. N. R. Suvarna.

Followed by:—A. G. Gupte v. Hiralal Parekh.

Followed by:—C. N. Chak v. Shri Yuvraj of Miraj Jr.

COURT NO. 4:—D. C. Bachuwar v. G. D. Bhagat.

Followed by:—S. A. Azim v. S. Rao.

COURT NO. 5:—O. Stevens v. M. H. Kajiji.

Followed by:—K. V. Deshmukh v. N. D. Shroff.

COURT NO. 6:—S. S. Indulkar v. S. P. Kapadia.

Followed by:—J. M. Lee and Mrs. H. E. Jones vs. J. E. Tew and Mrs. Pakenham Walsh.

GYMKHANA COMPOUND COURTS: AT 5-00 P. M.

COURT NO. 5:—D. Stilliard v. L. R. Pereira.

COURT NO. 6:—M. Mohanlal v. R. G. Hopkins.

COURT NO. 7:—R. R. Ruia v. Y. M. Bhave.

COURT NO. 8:—R. A. Mundkur v. F. F. Vakharia.

AMENDMENT TO GAINS OF LEARNING ACT

Social Reform Association Agree With Principle

The following expresses the opinion of the Bombay Presidency Social Reform Association on Bill No. 17 of 1936 to amend the Hindu Gains of Learning Act, 1930 introduced in the Legislative Assembly by Mr. G. S. Gupta:—

"The Association is in agreement with the principle of the amendment proposed by the Bill. If a member of the Joint family allows consciously or unconsciously his gains of learning to be mixed up with the joint family property, it is equitable that he should get some additional share rather than lose the benefit of his gains of learning on the ground that he has thrown them in the joint stock."

POWER OF TRANSFER.

The following expresses the opinion of the Association on Bill No. 26 of 1936 to remove certain disabilities in respect of the power of transfer or of will by a member of a joint Hindu family by Mr. Ghanshiam Singh Gupta:—

"The Association is in favour of the principle of the Bill, but would prefer to restrict the power of alienation by gift or will to the wife, sister, children and members of the joint family."

The Managing Board, staff and students of the Sir Azizuddin Muslim School, Jhansi, celebrated Nizam's Silver Jubilee on 17th Feb.

FIVE KILLED IN FACTION FIGHT

Sequel To Land Dispute Among Frontier Villagers

PESHAWAR, Feb. 17.

Five were killed and three seriously wounded in a fight between two parties of Pathan villagers near Peshawar, following a land dispute.

Firearms are said to have been used freely by both the parties.

The police have, it is reported, made several arrests The details are not at present available.—A. P.

CHARTER OF WORKERS' GRIEVANCES

Jute Mills Labour Move To Present To Bengal Legislature

CALCUTTA: Feb. 17.

A charter of workers' grievances was proposed to be drawn up for presentation to the newly-constituted Provincial Legislature on behalf of the entire Jute workers of Bengal, at a meeting held yesterday at Howrah Town Hall under the presidency of Mr. A. K. Fazlul Huq, Leader of the United Muslim Party in the Bengal Legislative Assembly.

The meeting characterised the demands of the 25,000 strikers in three jute mills in Howrah as extremely reasonable and congratulated them on their brave stand in having peacefully maintained the strike for the last seventeen days.—United Press.

SOLID FOR CONGRESS

Slow Polling In Dharwar And Hubli Talukas

(From Our Correspondent.)

DHARWAR, Feb. 17.

Early morning students and ladies started procession throughout the city. Big posters asking voters to vote for Congress were seen everywhere. Congress lorry with loudspeakers was going throughout the constituency. Men and women voters numbering 150 from Kardigud village marched in carts to Amminbhavi polling station and solidly voted for Congress.

In the city Congress is leading six polling stations. In Hubli, Marathas and Kshatriyas voted solidly for Mr. Patil Veeranagowda, Congress candidate. In Dharwar Kshatriyas and Marwaris voted solidly for Congress. In Dharwar and Hubli talukas, Mr. Patil leads Polling is slow everywhere.

Surat Voters March To Booths

(From Our Correspondent.)

SURAT, Feb. 17.

In the General Constituency of Surat and Rander (one seat) huge voting took place at all polling stations chiefly, in favour of Congress. The position of Dr. Dixit Independent seems dull. Merchants observed holiday. Youths are out to help Congress at polling stations. Ladies also are working at the booths. At Katargam booth in the District voters took out a procession on foot to vote for Congress.

Kathiawad Maritime States And Govt. Proposals

(From Our Correspondent.)

RAJKOT, Feb. 17.

An urgent meeting of all the Kathiawad Maritime States was held yesterday at the residency of the A. G. G. Sir Courtney Latimer, where preliminary discussions on Government's proposal as to their administration of ports on Government lines and Government tariff, specially regarding Port Trust and landing charges were held.

The meeting adjourned "sine die" for getting the individual rulers consent. All the Dewans of such states, including even the Port Officer of Okha, were present. Sir Prabhashanker Pattani legt for Delhi by Air via Jodhpur last evening.

Fazlul Haq's Opponent In The Run Again

CALCUTTA, Feb. 17.

The following nominations have been submitted for the Bengal Assembly seat in the Calcutta North Urban Mahomedan constituency as a result of the resignation of Mr. H. S. Suhrawardy:—

Khan Bahadur Mohammed Fazlul Karim, former Additional Chief Presidency Magistrate, Calcutta, and retired District Magistrate; Sir Nazimuddin, who was defeated by Mr. A. K. Fazlul Huq, leader of the Proja Party, from Potuakhali, Barisal; Moulvi Mohammed Rafique, who was defeated in the same constituency; Moulvi Abdul Rezak and Mohammed K. Ahmed.—A. P.

PLIGHT OF TEA-GARDEN COOLIES

Harijan Sevak Sangh's Secretary Tours Assam For Investigation

SYLHET, (By Mail).

Mr. A. V. Thakkar, General Secretary, Harijan Sevak Sangh, who is now on a tour in the Brahmaputra valley of Assam, motored recently from Jorhat to villages inhabited by ex-cooly agriculturists on a 30 miles long road and visited four primary schools run by private efforts of villagers and two by Local Board. Villagers, unable to run schools unaided for long time, are ready to hand them over with decent thatched sheds to Local Rural Board of Jorhat, but which will not take them over. Local Board's resources are spent more for roads than for education of children and thus children of the people, and tea garden coolies and ex-coolies specially, continue to grow up in complete darkness and illiteracy.

He also visited the town of Sibsagar where Mr. Gogi's Polytechnic Institute, which is a literary as well as industrial school with Hindi compulsory was visited and a number of stipends for Harijan Students promised. The locality of Kaibarttas or fishermen in the town was visited the educational needs of this section of Harijans were enquired into and help promised. Quarters of Punjabi and Bihari sweepers and scavengers were visited and their leaders interviewed.

FILTHY SURROUNDINGS.

At Dibrugarh, 50 miles away, sweepers' quarters Teliapatti and Marwaripatti were visited and it was found that refuse of town is being deposited close to their habitation to their great annoyance. Nayabazaar quarters of sweepers continue to be in the same filthy and insanitary condition as ever, surrounded by open sewers and latrines and facing a number of open privy receptacles. Sangh's School in Graham Bazaar visited and accounts of the sweepers debt redemption co-operative Society examined.

He visited a tea garden about 10 miles off where, the work of hoeing, weeding and forking the land round tea shrubs was closely seen being done by men, women and boys. These coolies are recruited from different provinces of the country and lose all touch with the mother province and its language after a few years' residence. Enquiry was made into their wages, daily task, their ways of life and their drink habit. They lead a very barren and colourless life and have no enjoyment except liquor.

NO SCHOOLS.

Their children are found to receive hardly any education as there is a very small number of schools in the gardens, the number of which is 751 owned by Europeans and 316 by Indians, and the total number of coolies at work in which was as large as 5,19,000, as per Government report of 1935. The total number of some sort of schools in these gardens is about 100 or less than one school to every ten gardens or 5,000 of scattered population.

A co-operative Society of Fishermen of Dibrugarh, who have taken from the Government the annual lease of fishing from the Burisutl, a tributary of the Brahmaputra, was visited and its accounts examined. It was satisfactory to find the Society well managed and making good profit, during the last ten months of its working.

Nominations For Bihar Upper Chamber

PATNA, Feb. 17.

Twenty-one candidates filed nominations to-day for the twelve seats in the Bihar Legislative Council (Upper Chamber) to be filled by indirect election by the Bihar Legislative Assembly. The nominations include 11 Congressmen, 4 non-Congress Hindus, 2 Muslims of the Independent Party, 2 of the United Muslim Party and 2 of no party Muslims. Polling takes place on March 4, and counting of votes on March 5.—A. P.

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BOMBAY: THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 1937

TRIUMPHANT CAMPAIGN

We compliment the people of Bombay City in particular and of the Presidency in general upon the splendid response they have given to the Congress call for votes. Reports that are pouring from all quarters testify to the great hold which the Congress has upon all kinds and conditions of people. There is no doubt whatever that most of the Congress candidates will be returned at the top of the polls, and that, this Presidency will once again repeat the triumphs which the Congress has registered in Bihar, Orissa and the United Provinces. Even if in a rare case, a reverse may be suffered by a Congress candidate, it will be due, not so much to the lack of loyalty on the part of the public as to the indifference and even overconfidence on the part of some of the voters. It is necessary to remember this in order to view the results in their proper perspective. As far as this City was concerned, however, the organisation made by the Congress authorities was as near perfection as is humanely possible, and the enthusiasm displayed by the Congress workers as also by the citizens, was most remarkable.

Vote For Mrs. Deshmukh

The triumphant election campaign of the Congress will conclude to-day with the voting for the women's constituencies. We need not remind the voters that they must round off the successes so far achieved by polling solidly for the Congress nominees, that honour being conferred in this city upon Mrs. Annapurnabai Deshmukh. Mrs. Deshmukh is one of the most sincere and selfless workers in this city and she has proved her worth and mettle in more than one field. The very fact that the Congress has adopted her as one of its candidates is sufficient testimony to her deserts and it is the duty of all men and women to support her. The present elections have made history in various respects, and not least in the way they have created a new spirit and a new political consciousness in India's fair sex.

Worthy Soldier And Worthy Representative

The eagerness they have shown to exercise their franchise, the keen rivalry which has been created among them for the suffrage of their co-citizens, and the support they are generally giving to the Congress is as amazing as it is admirable. From the 'purdah' to the polling-booth is, no doubt, a far, far cry, but India's womanhood has taken this huge stride in a surprisingly short time and proved itself to be in the vanguard of progress. In the United Provinces especially a number of women candidates had the courage to stand for election from the general constituency, and again and again, they have beaten their opponents, never so significantly as when a liberal veteran like Mr. Chintamani was defeated by a Congress lady candidate! The devotion of Indian women to the Congress is, indeed, one of the most inspiring features of the present campaign, and we are confident that by returning Mrs. Deshmukh, the voters of Bombay will be discharging their duty in the best manner possible. She will prove as worthy a champion of her sex, as she is a soldier of the Congress.

Will The Censors Explain?

The Bombay Board of Film Censors has once again distinguished itself, if not entirely justified its existence. The facts, as reported, are that Inspector Pai of the Bombay Board of Film Censors paid a surprise visit to the Minerva Theatre, witnessed the "Dalit Kusum," a social picture by the Adarsha Chitra, Ltd., which was then running its third unhampered week, and suddenly decreed that some vital parts of the film must be cut out. The picture has been granted a certificate by the Bengal Board of Film Censors. And, the convention has been that the certificates granted by one provincial Board of Censors has been generally accepted as valid for another. The local Board of Film Censors must have some very good reasons for breaking what is generally considered to be a wholesome convention. What precisely are these reasons?

The personnel and constitution of the Film Censor Boards need drastic democratic overhauling. It has been long overdue. But while one might hold one's soul in patience waiting for that elementary civilized change, one need not wait any longer for the unequivocal insistence on less irresponsible procedure of actual censorship by the Boards. If the local Board of Film Censors was in actual fact as it has been in theory, as zealously vigilant about public morals it should have been so at the outset. How was it that it took the Board nearly three weeks before it discovered that the reference to birth-control and Christian missions in "Dalit-Kusum" was not in identical harmony with their outlook and pattern of the social code?

How was it that they did not mobilize their machinery earlier but applied so late, with quite unprovoked zeal, their surgical instruments? We say "unprovoked" because we have so far heard not a syllable of protest against the incidents in the film from the p lic. Are we to understand that the officials of the Board take their own time, choose their own excuses to mutilate a running film, as the film "Dalit Kusum" at the Minerva has been reported to be mutilated? It would be instructive to know from the Board the lofty reasons which led them to permit Inspector Pai to cut off at that late hour the birth-control and missionary incidents, that have been among the distinguishing features of "Dalit Kusum." Perhaps, the Board is aware that this method of censorship is not only annoying to self-respecting cine-fans but a positive financial burden and loss to the growing film industry. Will the local Board of Film Censors enlighten the public as well as the industry as to the precise reasons which led them to this unusual and, may be, unprecedented, method of censorship?

Suburban Railway Miseries And Health Menace

The complaints against the lack of amenities which the railway traveller from the suburbs to the city legitimately seeks have been duly pigeon-holed and forgotten. But the growing volume of complaints against the daily increasing harassment of those who travel third demands now a less philosophic attitude on the part of the railway authorities.

Our attention has been drawn particularly to the conditions of suburban travel of the B. B. & C. I. Ry. During rush hours at stations like Dadar, Grant Road, Charni Road or Churchgate, little or no attention is paid to the inconvenience experienced by women and children getting in or out of their compartments. The railway authorities have not, or rather dispensed with, the corridor arrangement which could enable the train conductors and guard to supervise or regulate the traffic. We have no train conductors, no corridor arrrangement and the guard or the station staff is seldom seen to be mobilised for the traffic facilities and convenience.

This is not enough. The Railway traveller who has the misfortune to journey to and fro from the suburbs has been offered, thanks to the generosity of the railway authorities, entertainment that invariably gets on the nerves of the already sufficiently worried passenger. The beggar and hawker nuisance has reached dimensions which nobody of sensible passengers can or should tolerate.

The beggars one sees rushing in the compartment at all odd stations and odd corners do not think anything of expressing their disappointment in filthy language. Their clothes and their physical condition, often paraded with the most amazing non-chalance, threaten to endanger public health.

It is time that public resources should be actively mobilised to stop without further delay the menace to the health of the suburban railway traveller and the affront to the susceptibilities and inconvenience of helpless women and children.

Our Readers' Views

"Where East And West Can Meet"

To The Editor of "The Chronicle"

Sir,—With reference to the letter which appeared in your issue of February 16, I beg to state again—as already done in the correction of the report of my lecture in your issue of the 11th February—that the reporter misunderstood my words concerning the words of guruship. I am very glad to see that Mr. A. C. Sen availed himself of the opportunity to give his opinion about the question. I refuted the principle of pseudo-guruship because it is defective in all respects and I told literally: "We should avoid those ignorant fellows who pose themselves as gurus. But we should not cast away the baby with the water. The principle of guruship is in itself not wrong, nay, the only proper method of approaching the Supreme Lord Shree Krishna is through full co-operative submission to Shree Gurudev. It is necessary to make a clear distinction between the pseudo-gurus who without having realised God are propounding so-called messages and informations about Him, but display their own ineligibility by differing in practice from their own theories on one side and the real Guru on the other, who never poses himself as master but as the disciple of everybody because he realises from his plane that everything is engaged in the service of the Supreme Lord. It is God who reveals Himself to the sincere seeker after the Truth i. e. after the Supreme Person Shree Krishna in the form of the Guru who is not a mundane person but as whole-time servant of the Lord fully conversant with everything concerning His Realm, i. e. Guru is simultaneously different and non-different from God, and Guru-worship and submission to him is not worship of man but the only form of realising the Grace of God and of regaining our dormant function of our soul as the eternal servant of the Supreme Lord Himself and we cannot serve and love God without serving and loving Shree Gurudev."

From this the correspondent Mr. A. C. Sen and the reading public will easily understand that I was laying the greatest stress on the necessity of the real Spiritual Guide for our Spiritual Life and that I am far from "escaping or trying to avoid" the principle of Guruship. I beg to add that I do not know any other duty but to serve Shree Gurudev. The real Guru is always ready to give full scope to everybody, he never imposes any dogma or practice on the unconvinced judgment of a single individual, but he will always tell us that the Truth i.e. Shree Krishna expects our unconditional and exclusive surrender and service because He wants to give Himself fully to us. I, furthermore, beg to state that the principle of Guruship is not confined to what the correspondent calls "Hinduism," as Vaishnavism or Sanatan-Dharma i.e. the proper eternal function of the soul has nothing to do with any restriction of race, caste and culture. The proper nature of the soul is not described by the designation "Hindu" but by the term "Vaishnava" i.e. eternal servant of Vishnu, the All-pervading Supreme Lord, and all souls are eligible to serve Shree Krishna whenever they are found to be sincere in their serving submission to Shree Gurudev and his associates.

Finally I beg to state that I do not claim myself to be a Learned Philosopher" or knower of "Hinduism" or equipped with "German thoroughness." I simply understand myself as the most unworthy servant of the servants of my Divine Master Paramahansa Shree Shreemad Bhakti Siddhanta Saraswati Goswami Maharaj, the Acharya of the Gaudiya Mission.

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University Reform—III

Need For An Elected Chancellor And Vice-Chancellor

By A SPECIAL CONTRIBUTOR

One way to solve the intolerable evil of too many elections in the University might be found in holding the elections by ballot at meetings of these University bodies,—as, indeed, used to be the case before the present Act came into being. That way, however, is impracticable now-a-days, if only because of the multiplicity of the University authorities, and the complicated constituencies and qualifications for elections to these authorities.

Under Section 7 of the University Act, there are named five specific authorities in the University, viz. the Senate, the Faculties, the Syndicate, the Academic Council, the Board of Post-graduate Studies,—and such other bodies as the Senate may by Statute declare to be authorities of the University. Apparently the University Board of Accounts is one such authority created by Statute. Perhaps, also, the Publication Board might rank as another, though it seems to be established by Ordinance only. For these, elections now take place almost invariably by post, except in the case of Deans of Faculties, Board of Accounts, and University representative to the Municipal Corporation of Bombay the elections whereof are at meetings of the body concerned.

As for the rest, the rules governing the constituencies, the qualifications of electors, and of the candidates, are so complicated and confusing, that elections at meetings of the body would prove extremely difficult to manage. But while the elections take place by post, the evil noticed above must remain in a much greater measure than if the old practice were somehow restored.

Chancellor And Vice-Chancellor Not Among Authorities!

In this connection, it may be interesting to note that some of the most important elements in the University constitution are not ranked among "authorities." Neither the Chancellor nor the Vice-Chancellor is among the authorities. These great and powerful dignitaries are styled "Officers" of the University. The distinction between "Officers" and "Authorities" is not quite clear, at least in the express terms of the Act. But an explanation for maintaining such a distinction at all might be found, perhaps, in the fact, that whereas the Chancellor is "ex officio," and the Vice-Chancellor is a nominee of the Chancellor, the bodies classed as University authorities are all elected in one way or another.

Not An Elected Chancellor?

The maintenance of an "Ex Officio" Chancellor, and a Vice-Chancellor nominated by the Chancellor, is, however, totally unnecessary under present conditions, and unjustifiable to any one desiring the complete independence of the University. The fact that the Governor of Bombay is, ex-officio, the Chancellor of the University serves only to tie the University to the official apron strings, and infuses all the reactionary mentality commonly found in such quarters. Neither financially nor academically is this connection between the head of the Government and the University of any benefit to the latter. For a long time to come, the Governor of Bombay will continue to be a Britisher imported specially for the purpose, who may have no knowledge, concern, or interest in University education or administration. Such personages can, in their most innocuous form, be no more than mouthpieces of the permanent officials in the Department of Education. In view, however, of the immense discretionary powers vested in the Governor under the new Constitution, it becomes more than ever necessary to dissociate the Chancellorship from the Governor. If the University of Bombay needs to be made more progressive than it is; more established in the affections of the people at large of the Presidency, better endowed and enterprising, one of the most urgent reforms in its Constitution would be to make the Chancellorship an elective office, either for life, or for a given term of years. Even Oxford and Cambridge have elected Chancellors, chosen from among the distinguished alumni of the Alma Mater; and, of course, the other Western Universities follow suit. Even in India, the Benares Hindu University sets an example in the same direction; and what has proved beneficial to Benares cannot be harmful to Bombay.

And An Elected Vice-Chancellor?

Whether or not the Chancellor is elected, the Vice-Chancellor must unquestionably be made an elective officer. Immense powers of critical importance are vested in this, the chief executive officer in the University; and yet no restriction is placed no qualification laid down on the power of the Chancellor to select whomsoever he might like to appoint as Vice-Chancellor. The person selected for the job may have not the slightest previous connection with the University, or its problems.—as the present holder of this post had not at the time of his appointment. And yet on the policy and activities of this officer, upon his knowledge and experience of the University affairs, upon his freedom from personal prejudice or racial bias, may depend the welfare of a whole generation. The University has itself desired, in a Senate resolution passed some years ago, that the Vice-Chancellor should be an elected officer, even as the Mayor of a Municipality is; and the record of some recent nominees to the post makes the reform more than ever urgent.

Vice-Chancellor, An Autocrat

Section 11 of the Act says:—"The Vice-Chancellor 'shall be responsible' for the proper administration of the University" but omits altogether to add to whom is this reponsibility, and how is it

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FRANKLY SPEAKING

BOMBAY'S INDUSTRIES.

Official reports are, as a rule, optimistic in their review of affairs. It is, therefore, significent that the resolution of the Bombay Government on the Report of the Department of Industries for the year 1935-36 admits that the general industrial outlook during the year was not very bright. The condition of the cotton textile industry, which is the premier industry of the province, was slightly better and there was also some increase in the output of hosiery, matches, cigarettes, paper and chemicals, besides textiles. But on the whole, industry has shown no signs whatsoever of improvement and the year recorded no progress over the previous one. It is little consolation to learn that the Department of Industries gave some help to a few minor cottage industries and carried on experiments and researches to help a few more. The activities of the department, in themselves quite commendable, are wholly inadequate to meet the requirements of a large province like Bombay, a large number of whose population depend upon industrial pursuits.

INADEQUATE PLAN.

With the present acute state of unemployment in the urban as well as rural areas and the increasing pressure of population on land, the importance of industry and industrial enterprises is, and will be, more keenly felt. The Government, we learn, have under contemplation a scheme to provide vocational training for relieving unemployment among "the better educated classes." It is intended to train about 400 boys every year in industrial establishments who will be absorbed in the respective industries after their period of apprenticeship is over. Two trade schools, for tailoring and leather work, are also contemplated, subject to the sanction of the new Legislative Assembly. Something, it has been said, is always better than nothing. But we utterly fail to grow enthusiastic over this absurdly inadequate plan to combat an evil which is so vast.

A SINISTER "ASSURANCE"

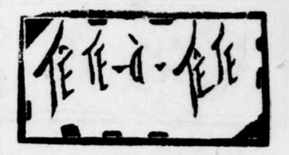
It is not exactly a case of the devil quoting scriptures but it is not much different either. General Goering and Baron von Neurath nominal Foreign Minister but virtual assistant to von Ribbentrop, did not 'quote' the scriptures, but they did denounce—war. And they did so simultaneously, the one in a speech, the other in an article, which fact leads to the justifiable assumption that the denunciation is part of a plan. Those who have followed the growth and progress of the Nazi militarist menace—and there is none in the world who does not know something about it—know what value to attach to Germany's ardent "longing for peace" and what interpretation to put on von Neurath's blatant suggestion that "the most competent quarters in Germany and other countries of our European civilisation (sic) agree that there is not the slightest cause for fear of any danger to peace within this circle of culture". Germany obviously is out for war against those outside the Fascist International. The tragic irony is the "Democracies" do not realise the sinister danger.

WRATH OF THE MULLAH SAHIB.

The wrath of the great Mullaji has inevitably descended on the Karachi Borah couple, who were recently married according to the injunctions of Islam, but unaided by the clerical machinery of the high priest. For denouncing 'purdah' at a public meeting, the girl was systematically victimised. The local Borah priest refused to solemnize her marriage unless she withdrew her indictment of the 'purdah' system. All honour to the brave young lady for refusing to be dictated to by reactionary priesthood and to her brother and father for supporting her in her courageous resolve. The brother, doing away, in characteristic Muslim fashion, with a conventional ceremony, solemnized the marriage himself. For this "sin," the couple and the father and brother of the bride have been excommunicated. There could be hardly a more cruel and a grosser abuse of self-assumed authority by priestcraft.

WORTHY EXAMPLE.

By thus courting disfavour with the reactionary religious leaders of their community the girl and her people, however, have set a worthy example of upright conduct. They may have been excommunicated from the fold of the obscurantist followers of the Mullah Sahib, but no power on earth, not even the high-priest himself, can deprive them of their noble self-respect which has always been the badge of all true Muslims. The incident is significant, for it demonstrates the dangerously wide powers reactionary priesthood still enjoys. Mr. Jinnah, by the way, boastfully asked Mr. Brelvi, in the famous response to the "appeal" of the "Bombay Chronicle," what the latter proposed to do for the politi-economic and social interests of Muslims. Might we make a present of this incident to the champion of Muslim interests and to his "progressive" League of which that great Muslim League and Borah leader, Mr. Md. Ali Allabaksn is a vital part?



WITHOUT COMMENT.....

What does all this mean to us? Our Government did not protest against this slaughter of women and children, who mostly lived in slums. It protested against a possible massacre of prisoners, but, then, the prisoners held by the Government in Madrid were the sort of people who went to parties at the British Embassy.

—Prof. J. B. S. HALDANE.

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Impending Apology?

Sir S. N. Bhutto complains of police interference in his elections. A Sub-Inspector is alleged to have beaten back a crowd of his supporters.

Bori Bunder correspondent calls it "the most discreditable episode of the Sind Assembly elections."

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By the way, it would, be irrelevant, unfair and generally undesirable, of course, to refer in this connection to more serious allegations of official and police interference in other provinces!

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Congressmen have already obtained a clear majority in the U.P. Assembly even though the results of many constituencies have yet to be announced.

Our sincere thanks are due to voters and to——the Chief Secretary.

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Sir Mohamed Zafrullah announced in the Assembly that they have spent two and a half lakhs of rupees to place five air-conditioned coaches on the railway lines for the benefit of first class passengers.

Third class passengers, we understand, will not be obstructed, if they wish to have a look at the fine exteriors of these coaches, but they cannot, of course, be allowed to touch them.

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"London, February 16.

In a speech last night Mr. Alfred Duff-Cooper, Secretary for War, said that Britain was arming in order to promote the cause of peace in the world."—Reuter.

Just as they fought a War in 1914-'18 to establish the cause of peace.

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Commenting on Britain's armament programme, German political circles ask, says a Berlin message, "Where is all this leading? Won't Italy, France, Russia and other nations follow suit?"

Aren't these questions, the horrible answers to which are very well known, the greatest joke of the period since the Nazis started rescuing their country from the frying-pan.

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Italians are also worried. "It is felt," says Rome, "that Britain and France are lifting the armaments race to heights difficult for poorer powers to attain without putting an intolerable burden on their citizens and Italians are apprehensive of the extent to which the race will continue."

It is well-known what the bully changes into when he finds his bluff called.

We wonder what the "apprehensive Italians," that is Signor Mussolini, is going to do about the forest of bayonets.

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YESTERDAY'S PRIZE HOWLERS.

(Perpetrated By The Junior Colleague).

(1) Sir Jehangir Boman Behram received powerful support from the labourers while the unemployed youth of the City plumped for Mr. A. P. Sabavala.

(2) Mr. Allaya Seth offered the services of his electioneering machinery to Doctor Ambedkar who declined with thanks.

(3) The Liberal Federation, that staunch champion of constitutionalism and Parliamentary agitation, will meet shortly after the election results are over to decide who were the Liberal candidates in the elections.

(4) And then there was the impartial voter who put down crosses in front of all the names on the polling paper.

(5) When interviewed the thirty-four polo ponies belonging to the Nawab of Bhopal, who sailed yesterday for England and whose (the ponies') trip is expected to cost the State more than a lakh of rupees, expressed gratification for the fact that they were not born ordinary human beings.

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Engineering Apprentice: "What would you say, sir, is the greatest known water power?"

Mature Engineer: "Women's tears, son."

City Elections

Congressmen Score Well

Boman-Behram Runs Neck-To-Neck Race

Brisk Voting In All Wards: Women To The Fore Everywhere

The first General Election to the Bombay Legislative Assembly under the Government of India Act 1935 was held in the City and Suburbs of Bombay on Wednesday and more than a lakh out of the three lakhs and odd voters exercised their franchise.

Unprecedented Enthusiasm

The City, which was astir since an early hour in the morning, had put on a holiday appearance and the enthusiasm and spirit with which the people went to the Polls, had never before been witnessed in the City of Bombay.

Every street, every lane and every house in the City was visited by the supporters of the different candidates to get them to the Polls as early as possible, but nearly half of those who went to the Polls did not wait for any conveyance.

"Vote For Congress"

The Congress, with its hold on the city, claimed the largest number of supporters. A noteworthy feature of Wednesday's polling was the part played by thousands of young lads, who went round the different localities carrying national flags and raising cries of "Vote for Congress" and Vote for Freedom, which rent the air. There were occasions when even policemen and supporters of rival candidates forgot themselves and joined the boys in shouting "Vote for Congress"!

Parade Of Cars

Six a. m. in the morning saw more than 3,000 cars moving about in the streets of Bombay to bring voters to the booths on behalf of the 22 candidates contesting the nine seats from the three different constituencies. There were several lorries and buses used to convey voters, while the Congress had engaged several B. E. S. T. buses to convey the voters to the different booths.

Women, most of whom worked and voted for the Congress, are responsible for making the polling scenes very lively. But there were several working for the Parsi candidates in the South of the City and a few working for the Independent candidates in the North. The Suburbs gave a unique account of itself in that respect. Proportionately, there were more women who cast their votes than men. Women played a greater and more important part in getting votes for the Congress than the men.

1,000 VOLUNTEERS AT WORK.

More than a thousand volunteers worked since 5 a.m. for the Congress candidates alone. Many of them worked with great zeal and enthusiasm and did not lose their patience even under the gravest provocation.

While the women voters in general in the City could not be stated to have taken very keen interest in polling, the women of 'D' Ward did marvellously well. Thousands of them rushed to the polling-booths and many of them voted for Congress.

Amidst very colourful scenes the polling concluded at exactly 6 p.m. and Bombay had elected its representatives for five years on the Bombay Legislative Assembly.

FORECAST.

So far as could be gathered, mostly from the number of voters that were brought in the different cars and from the information obtained from some of the voters and supporters of the different candidates, the following is the position:—

All the three Congress candidates in A, B, C and D Wards will come, but Sir Jehangir Boman Behram has put up a very tough fight for the third seat.

All the three candidates in 'E' and 'F' Wards will come out successful. Dr. B. R. Ambedkar might spring a surprise.

All the three Congress candidates in the 'G' and Suburban Wards will come out victorious without any doubt.

Four Arrests

There were no untoward incidents at any of the polling booths, except for four arrests for impersonation in the City and Suburbs during the course of the day.

"A" Ward

BRISK VOTING IN "A" WARD

At the Town Hall and Sir Cowasji Jehangir Hall among the polling booths in "A" Ward voting was brisk.

Four polling booths were provided for the convenience of voters in "A" ward which comprised 20,780 votes.

In the Town Hall, which was full of activity and excitement caused chiefly by the Congress volunteers, the race was between the Congress candidates and Sir J. B. Boman Behram.

As a matter of fact, at every polling booth, the voters for the Congress candidates and for Sir J. B. Boman Behram were pouring in escorted by their respective agents and at times there was a slight breeze between the agents and the police officers had to pacify them.

At Cowasji Jehangir Hall, too, the voting was brisk but not so much as was witnessed at the Town Hall.

Mrs. Hansa Mehta was present at the Convocation Hall along with women volunteers to urge the women voters to vote for the Congress candidates but most of the voters there were Parsi ladies who voted mainly for Parsi candidates.

Prof. V. G. Rao was the Polling Officer at this centre.

The Elphinstone College near Museum was also made a centre for polling but it presented a dull appearance as very few voters turned up and those who came were mostly Parsis who voted for the Parsi candidates.

Two persons were arrested in "A" ward for personation.

"B" Ward

CONGRESS POWERFUL IN "B" WARD

The slogan "Vote for Congress", vociferously and enthusiastically shouted by the supporters of three Congress candidates contesting for the Bombay Legislative Assembly from the "B" Ward of the city, filled the air at the four polling stations this morning.

Stream of cars bearing the Congress banners and carrying their full loads drove to the polling booths where solid support was given to the Congress candidates, Messrs. K. F. Nariman, Nagindas Master and S. K. Patil. The support for the other two candidates Sir Jehangir Boman Behram and Mr. A. P. Sabavala from the "B" Ward was very meagre. The latter was totally neglected and appeared that his chances were absolutely remote.

Mr. S. M. Patil had retired from the contest.

The polling stations are, St. Xavier's College; Sir Chunilal Mehta Scout Hut, Sydenham College of Commerce and Economics and Elphonstone High School for Women voters. The arrangements were very efficiently made

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PROGRESS OF TRADE TALKS

Interim Arrangement With Japan If Negotiations Are Protracted?

NEW DELHI, Feb. 17.

"United Press" learns that the Indo-Japanese Trade talks will be resumed from Friday onwards. In case these talks do not conclude till the end of March, when the 1934 Protocol expires, it is anticipated that an interim arrangement to continue the existing treaty will such time as a settlement is reached, will probably be made. The parties, however, expect an early settlement.

As regards the Burma-Japanese Protocol, an agreement having been reached on major points, both the delegates are busy drafting the terms of Protocol between two countries. This will take another week, during which period minor points which are still to be settled will be examined.—United Press.

"WHERE IS ALL THIS LEADING?"

Berlin Bewildered At Britain's Programme

BERLIN, Feb. 17.

Commenting on Britain's armament programme, spokesman on the Wilhelmstrasse said that Germany did not deny that Britain had the right to arm to the extent she deemed necessary, but she claimed the same right.

On the other hand Berlin questions Britain's need to arm so extensively, believing that Britain's position is far less exposed than Germany's.

Political circles ask "where is all this leading? Won't Italy, France, Russia and other nations have to follow suit?".—Reuter.

Italian Comment On British Plans

ROME, Feb. 17.

Italians are impressed at Britain's grim determination to make good the deficiencies of its armaments and are amazed at the vast financial expenditure involved.

It is felt that Britain and France are lifting the armaments race to heights difficult for poorer powers to attain without putting an intolerable burden on their citizens, and Italians are apprehensive of the extent to which the race will continue.—Reuter.

BRITAIN IS ARMING TO PROMOTE PEACE IN WORLD

LONDON, February 16.

In a speech last night Duff-Cooper, Secretary for War said that Britain was arming in order to promote the cause of peace in the world.

British Empire had no greater interest than that of peace. In arming for peace they were also arming for interests of Britain.

There was generally the feeling that the emergency was so great and the danger so real that whatever sacrifices might be necessary those sacrifices must be borne.—B.O.W.

GERMAN-CZECH RAILWAY AGREEMENT

BERLIN, Feb. 17.

The agreement between Germany and Czechoslovakia regulating railway conditions on the frontier, published in an Official Gazette, comes into force on February 27. Czechoslovakia grants Germany the right to operate a line from the frontier to Cheb which is in Czechoslovakian territory Czechoslovakia has granted a right to operate a line from the frontier to Adorf (Saxony).

Another German line running into Czech territory will be sold to Czechoslovakia.—Reuter.

Rumours Of War-Debt Settlement Denied

WASHINGTON, Feb. 17.

Rumours of war debt settlement have been stirred afresh by the arrival here to-day of M. Bonnet, the new French Ambassador to America, but Reuter understands that no suggestions concerning debts have been received from any European Government.—Reuter.

Nadhupur Civic Committee Superseded

PATNA, Feb. 17.

It is understood that the Nadhupur municipal committee (District Santhal Parganas) has been superseded for a year on the ground of Maladministration and party factions.

Rai Bahadur Lala Suntosh has been appointed Special officer to take charge of the municipal affairs.—A. P.

ROOSEVELT'S MESSAGE TO CONGRESS

No Postponing Of Action To Improve Lot Of Tenant-Farmers

WASHINGTON, Feb. 17.

President Roosevelt does not believe (he stated in a Press Conference) that the Treasury "hot money" discussions have reached a definite stage, but he added that he expected that the Conference would continue another week.

Declaring that fully half the farm population of the United States can no longer feel secure, the President, in a messsage to Congress, states that action cannot possibly be postponed on the programme to improve the present intolerable condition of tenant-farmers.

Mr. Roosevelt accompanied the message with the report of the Special Committee on Farm Tenancy, which suggests a tax on profits from land speculation and the establishment of a farm security administration to supervise the various proposed methods of encouraging tenants to purchase land.—Reuter.

SENSATION IN RUMANIA

Sequel To Diplomat's Attendance At Fascist Funeral

BUCHAREST, February 16.

The attendance of diplomatic representatives of Germany, Italy, Poland, Japan, Portugal, Yugoslavia and Nationalist Spain at the funeral of two members of the Fascist Iron Guard Organisation killed in Spain, while fighting on General Franco's side has caused deep offence to Royal and Parliamentary circles

King Carol, who watched the cortege from a friend's house, summoned the Prime Minister M. Tatarescu, whom he angrily asked how it came about that hundreds of Iron Guard Legionaries were allowed to parade in forbidden uniform, why 400 priests of Greek Orthodox Church marched in procession and how the diplomats came to be present.

Parliament heckled M. Tatarescu to-day and questioned him about the Cabinet's attitude.

M. Tatarescu replied that the matter was very serious. He added foreign diplomats could not be permitted to participate in internal politics and affairs, a condemnation, which the Chamber greeted with warm applause. It is understood that some of the diplomatic representatives concerned will be recalled in consequence of the Premier's warning.—Reuter.

FRONTIER FAVOURS OFFICE ACCEPTANCE?

Party Alignments In New Assembly

PESHAWAR, Feb. 16.

In the North-West Frontier Province Assembly elections the final party position in a House of 50 members is as follows:—

Congress 19.
Hindu-Sikh Nationalist Party 7.
Muslim Independent Party 2.
No Party Muslims including Minister Sir Abdul Qaiyum 21.
No Party Hindu 1. Total 50.

ELECTION POSITIONS.

It is understood that the Congress is shortly filing election petitions legally believed to be agreeable in the Razzar and Amazai constituencies, described as sure constituencies, where nominations were rejected on the basis of a disputed law point.

OFFICE ISSUE.

Opinion appears to favour acceptance of office in view of Frontier's peculiarities, though Congressmen are prepared to abide by the decision of the All-India Congress Committee. Apparently several non-Congressmen are willing to support the Congress Party.

PARTY ALIGNMENTS.

Minister Sir Abdul Qaiyum is endeavouring to organise the No-Party Muslims, some of whom are joining the existing parties while others are forming a Khanate Group, though the Nawab of Hoti and other Chiefs suffered reverses.

RACE FOR MINISTERSHIPS.

Khan Bahadur Saadullah Khan, retired Deputy Commissioner and Nawab Baz Mohd. Khan of Teri are stated to be among the No Party aspirants for Cabinet seats. The same issue is stated to be causing trouble in the Hindu-Sikh Nationalist Party from which Rai Bahadur Mehrchand Khanna, it is reported, commands better support than Rai Bahadur Ishardas, ex-Leader of the Council Minorities Group.—A.P.

DELUGE IN S. AFRICA

Hundred Drowned And Million Sterling Damage Done

CAPE TOWN, Feb. 17.

Two thousand Mozambique natives have been drowned owing to rivers Incomati and Umbeluze bursting their dams.

During the five day deluge, all railway and telegraphic communications with Lourenco Marques have been cut and the only means of reporting the Colony's plight is brief radio messages.

Damage is estimated at million sterling.

Thousand Rescued

LATER.

Over a thousand natives have been rescued by the authorities in Mozambique in some cases from tree tops and roofs.

It is now officially estimated that the death roll is under hundred.—Reuter

OPPOSITION IN "ELDERS"

Council Of State Members' Move To Revive "Progressives"

NEW DELHI, Feb. 16.

The trend of informal talks among the members of the Council of State indicates that opposition strength may vary between 15 and 20 on all important divisions.

After the Council adjourned today, the elected members met in an informal conference.

The "United Press" lobby correspondent learns that the Progressive Party will be re-organised this evening when the members meet at the residence of the Opposition Leader, Rai Bahadur Ramsaran Das. This party will have a minimum strength of 12. Prominent new members likely to join the party are Pandit Hridaynath Kunzru, Sir Prabha Shanker Pattani, Rai Bahadur Govindachari, Mr. Sitakanta Mahapatra and Mr. Jatin Chandra Banerjee.

At to-day's conference, a suggestion was made that the Congress members of the new House should join the Progressive Party. Mr. Ramdas Pantulu and Mr. Kumar Shanker Roy expressed willingness to work in co-operation with the progressive section of the Council but pointed out difficulties owing to the fact that the members elected on the Congress ticket were subject to the mandates of the Congress issued by Congress bodies.

NO COMMUNAL GROUP.

Efforts are being made to get round the Muslim members to join the Progressive Party so that no communal group may be formed. Mr. Padsnah, Khan Bahadur Alibukhsh, Khan Haji Sattar and Mr. Syed Ihtishan Hyder are inclined to join but it appears they want freedom of vote on certain matters. It is understood that Pt. Hridaynath Kunzru does not favour the idea of freedom of vote for "it tends to undermine the prestige, discipline and strength of the party." The final decision will be taken later.

By common consent Mr. Rai Bahadur Ramsaran Das will again be elected the Leader of the Progressive Party as also Mr. Hasan Imam, who is trying to rally the Muslim members, as the Deputy Leader. Pt. Kunzru may also be one of the Deputy Leaders, while Mr. Sapru, another Radical Liberal, has been earmarked as the Secretary of the Party.

As regards the Congress Party there are five members returned on the Congress ticket. According to convention, the minimum party strength in the House of Elders has been seven. They would require to more members to have a party otherwise they will be known as the Congress Group. It is believed that Mr. Chidambaram Chettiar from Madras and Mr. Munshir Hussain Kidwai will join the Congress Party.—United Press.

Rowdyism Of College Students

CAWNPORE, Feb. 17.

Broken testtubes, smashed windowpanes and splintered benches and desks littered the classrooms of the D. A. V. college as a result of rowdyism of college students this evening following their refusal to attend lectures. Hundreds of students marched in a procession, brandishing tri-colour flags through the main streets.—A. P.

AGA KHAN AT NAIROBI

NAIROBI, Feb. 17.

Widely enthusiastic welcome was given to the Aga Khan and Begum Aga Khan on their arrival here by air. They were welcomed by the Mayor and Mayoress and a representative of the Governor.—Reuter.

Princes Reach Unanimous Decision

PARAMOUNTCY, SOVEREIGNTY AND LEGAL PROTECTION IN INSTRUMENT OF ACCESSION

NEW DELHI, Feb. 17.

The Constitution Committee, appointed by the Conference of Ruling Princes in Bombay, which, after a recess of about a week, resumed its session in New Delhi yesterday, has submitted its first recommendations, which are believed to be unanimous.

The Maharaja of Patiala, the President of the Committee, forwarding the report to His Highness the Chancellor, states that the Committee has arrived at conclusions substantially the same as the recommendations of the informal committee and has been guided in its examination of the material by the conviction, at this penultimate stage, that careful sifting of the requirements of States should be made so as to confine the demand for additions, amendments or limitation in the Instrument to essential requirements.

LEGAL PROTECTION.

As regards the question of Legal protection, the Maharaja of Patiala states that the Committee is unanimously of the opinion that the request for such protection should be pressed. In determining the essential requirements of States, serious note has been taken of the fact that the Government of India Act is already on the Statute Book and that these requirements should, as far as possible, be implemented not by amendments but by inclusion in the Instrument, which is a unique document, differing in nature, from the Statute itself.

According to the Maharaja of Patiala there were good reasons in the earlier stage for dissociating the subject of Paramountcy from Federation, because its consideration might have lent weight to the view that the States were trying to bargain with His Majesty's Government, but the committee feels strongly that the States have to think now what will be their position under Federation. It involves appreciation of the extent to which their constitutional rights are fully protected.

PLEA FOR COLLABORATION.

The Maharaja of Patiala finally reminds the Chancellor of the desirability of collaboration among the States and the value of collective discussions with regard to the Federal Scheme. His Highness hopes that the facilities already given to the States for joint consideration of the problems of Accession will continue

The report of the Constitution Committee is a well-reasoned document and has clarified many important issues about which there was a good deal of confusion of thought. The Committee, which gave anxious consideration to the important question of essential and negotiable safeguards, has come to the conclusion that the safeguards have been substantially met, and the Committee's further recommendations on the subject dissipate fears and allay doubts which still existed.

"PURPOSE" CLAUSE GOES.

Regarding the general form of the Instrument of Accession the committee is of the opinion that the "purpose" clause should be omitted and in view of this omission, the committee has proposed two amendments to be included in the Government of India draft, namely.

"No function in respect of any matters specified in the first Schedule hereto or under any provision of the Act which applied to this State by virtue of this Instrument of Accession shall be exercised in relation to this State by any authority, other than the Federal authority and save in accordance with the terms of this Instrument" and the other:

"Nothing in this shall affect the rights and obligations of the ruler of this State in relation to the Crown with regard to any matter not within the functions exercisable by or on behalf of Federation by virtue of this Instrument and no Federal authority shall have jurisdiction with respect to such rights and obligations.

SOVEREIGNTY RESERVATION.

The effect of these two Clauses will be that no one but the Federal authorities (or ruler) is to perform Federal functions and that the Federal authorities are not to interfere in the relations between the Crown and the Ruler.

After dealing with the Clause relating to the Federal Legislative List, the Committee recommend the following amendment to take the place of Clause 6 of the Draft Instrument:

"Nothing in this Instrument affects the continuance of my sovereignty in and over this State or, save as provided by this Instrument or by any law of the Federal Legislature made in accordance therewith, the continuance of any of my powers, authority and rights and the exercise of any such powers, authority and rights in and over this State is, save as above, reserved to me:"

QUESTION OF PROTECTION.

With regard to the question of the Protection Treaty and other rights within the Federal sphere, the Committee points out that objections have been taken:

(A) that the Instrument cannot deal with matters outside the State; and

(B) that, in any case, the right of the Federal Legislature to legislate in British India or outside the State cannot be fettered by the Instrument of Accession of a State.

In this respect the Committee has endorsed the views already expressed by the Inrormal Committee that protection should be legal.

It is understood that the Committee dealt extensively with the question of the Federal Executive authority in relation to items to which a State accedes, and, in cases of possible confusion relating to Executive limitations differing from Legislative limitations, the Committee feels that provision in the administrative agreement is a very suitable method.

PARAMOUNTCY.

Although no definite view has been expressed by the Committee on the question of paramountcy, the hope has been clearly expressed that its consideration should be taken up without much delay. According to the Committee paramountcy is the ultimate sanction for enforcing Federal obligations and they assume, therefore that before Paramountcy intervenes the States will have those obligations determined in the Federal Court. They rely on the Viceroy as the representative of the Crown, in his special personal relationship with the States, being their friend and not in any sense the Agent of Federation. This relationship is most precious and the Committee hope that nothing will happen to deprive the States of this cherished possession.—A.P.

Princes Standing Committee

NEW DELHI, Feb. 17.

The Standing Committee of the Chamber of Princes meets here to-morrow to approve the Draft Resolutions for the Chamber session, which is commencing from the 24th February.

"United Press" learns that no resolution bearing on the entry into Federation will be put before the Chamber. Resolutions of loyalty to the new King, welcoming His Excellency Lord Linlithgow and reducing the number of members in the Standing Committee to 11, will be placed before the Chamber.—United Press.

INDO-BRITISH TRADE AGREEMENT

Sir Ramaswamy Mudaliar On Assembly Decision

LONDON, Feb 17.

The hope that a satisfactory agreement would be reached following the Legislative Assembly's request to the Government of India to terminate the Ottawa Agreement was expressed by Sir Ramaswami Mudaliar, visiting the Lancashire Indian Cotton Committee's display in the British Textile Exhibition at Manchester. He said that he did not take a tragic view of the Assembly's decision and implied desire to repudiate reasonable commercial intercourse with Britain. The Government of India accepted the policy of discriminatory protection for the textile industry and while the policy involved consideration of All-Indian interest, it was within the limitations of that policy, that adjustment might have to be made.—Reuter.

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All Bombay Votes Congress

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and the voting was carried on without a hitch.

During the day voting was even more brisk and the merchants and their assistants repaired to the booths to record their votes. The solid support that was being given to the Congress candidates leaves no room for doubt that their chances of being elected are certain.

"C" Ward

LAST MINUTE RUSH AT BOOTHS

Holiday Makers Add To Colourful Scenes

In C ward between one and two o'clock in the afternoon, polling slackened a bit in all the polling booths in the ward. Later a good number of voters both men and women were rushed to the booths. By evening about 45 per cent. of the voters in the ward had exercised their franchise. The majority cast their votes for the Congress candidates and a good bit went to Sir Jehangir. Twenty to 25 per cent of those who cast their votes, did so on communal basis and in some cases many of them voted for particular Congress Candidates solidly, despite the advise of the Congress leaders to divide votes.

COLOURFUL SCENES.

At practically everyone of the booths enthusiastic and colourful scenes were witnessed during the last half an hour. Wednesday being a holiday, thousands gathered round about the polling booths and most of them being supporters of the Congress candidates they joined in the general shouting of "Vote for Congress" and "Vote for Freedom." As the closing time approached the number of supporters of Sir Jehangir decreased and the Congress supporters were rushed in hundreds to exercise the franchise.

Excepting for great excitement and strong support for rival candidates and a few wordy warfares, there was not a single untoward incident in any one of the polling booths. If one were to judge from the polling in this Ward, it can be definitely stated that all the three Congress candidates would come out successful.

BOMAN-BEHRAM RUNS NECK-TO-NECK RACE

"C" Ward, claimed to be the stronghold of the Congress was astir very early on Wednesday morning and everyone, whether a voter or not seemed to have taken the advice of the Congress leaders literally and walked to the polling booths. Those who were voters, of course voted for the Congress candidates and those who were not canvassed for the Congress candidates. The young boys of the "C" Ward played a very important role at all the Polling Booths

Congress Hysteria

At 5 a.m. about three hundred volunteers of the Congress, and about 150 volunteers of Dr. B. R. Ambedker, helping Sir Jehangir Boman Behram, started towards the polling booths allotted to them.

Shouts of "Vote for Congress" rent the air and while cars, lorries and buses were rushing to and fro, the people, who were in their holiday mood seemed to have been struck with a sort of "Congress Hysteria" and everyone seemed to shout automatically "Vote for Congress" whether there was a voter nearby or not.

50,000 Voters

There are more than fifty thousand voters in the "C" Ward to the Bombay Legislative Assembly and more than five thousand of them are women. These voters have to poll at six different polling booths, one of them specially reserved for women. Most of the polling booths for the "C" Ward voters are situated in the "D" Ward area.

The following are the Polling Stations with the number of voters to each one of the Booths:—

Military Sheds Pavilion, Marine Lines, 14,500 voters.

St. Theresa High School, Girgaum, 10,000 voters.

Marwadi Vidyalaya, Sandhurst Road, 8,000 voters.

Modern High School, Girgaum Back Road, 7,000 voters.

Wilson High School, Girgaum, 8,000 voters.

Great Rush

Since early this morning, there was a very great rush of voters at the Marine Lines Booth. The Congress Candidates got very good support and of the remaining two candidates Sir Jehangir Boman Behram was the favourite. For every three voters for the Congress, he was getting one voter. If the Congress voters have carried out the instructions of the Congress leaders at the Military Pavilion Booth all the three Congress candidates and Sir Jehangir Boman-Behram are having a neck to neck race.

Besides Parsi voters, there were several others who came in Sir Jehangir's cars and took instructions from Sir Jehangir's canvassers.

The booth of Mr. A. P. Sabavalla was absolutely deserted and it could be stated that he will be easily eliminated.

At Marwari Vidyalaya about 2,000 voters had come to the Booth by 12 noon and the same member in the next two hours. The Congress candidates were leading. The other two candidates got equal support.

At Wilson High School voting was not very brisk nor was it so brisk at the Modern High School booth. Voters here are expected to come to the Polls in the afternoon.

Women Voters

At the Chandaramji's Girls' School reserved for women voters, the rush was not very great. About five hundred had cast their votes by about 12-30 and the position of the Congress candidates was good. Sir Jehangir also got good support from the few Parsis that lived in that Ward.

Strong In Cars

Considering that the Congress had put up three candidates, it must be stated that the cars used by the supporters of Sir Jehangir Boman-Behram were greater in number.

In so far as it could be ascertained from the number of voters that have polled and from the cars that they have used, the following seems to be the position of the different candidates. Incidentally it was given out that Mr. S. M. Patil has once again withdrawn his candidature.

Nariman Will Top Poll

Mr. K. F Nariman will top the polls. His position is secure. For the two remaining seats there is a fight between Messrs Nagindas Master and S. K. Patil and Sir Jehangir Boman-Behram.

The police arrangements at all the booths were very good. All the members of the Police Force had been brought out to do duty. even those who are called plainclothesmen, and C.I.D. officers were on duty and Deputy Commissioner U'Ren of the Special Branch went round the Polling Booths supervising the arrangements in company with Superintendent Bull.

The Congress candidates visited all the polling booths and hundreds of their agents were very active. Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel; Mrs. Sarojini Naidu; Sjts. Bhulabhai Desai; G V. Deshmukh; S. A. Brelvi; K. M. Munshi and others visiting the polling stations and gave their support to the Congress candidates.

Lorries filled with young boys and flying National flags went round the C. Ward locality shouting Congress slogans and appealing to voters to vote for Congress.

"D" Ward

LOW PERCENTAGE OF POLLING

Congress Candidates Fare Well

Girgaum (D Ward) made a remarkable rally to the support of the Congress Candidates on Wednesday evening, though polling started with a limp in the early part of the day.

Upto 11 o'clock in the morning, it was considered that Sir Jehangir Boman-Behram, who had been making strenuous efforts to capture one of the three seats of the Bombay City South General Constituency by defeating one of the three Congress Candidates, was in a comfortable position.

DRAMATIC CHANGE.

But in the afternoon, the voters rushed in to support Congress candidates, and the situation indicated a marked improvement in the number of votes polled for the Congress.

For this change, the lorry carrying the loud speakers was responsible in no small measure. Broadcasting the position of the respective candidates to the voters at regular intervals, Congress volunteers repeatedly exhorted the voters to "do their bit" for the Congress by exercising their franchise.

After 3 p.m. a large number of votes cast, were in the favour of Congress candidates. It is impossible to say how the votes were distributed among the Congress nominees. The Congress volunteers were throughout the day appealing to the voters to give each candidate one vote and no more.

LOW PERCENTAGE OF POLLING.

Nine polling booths were opened to meet the needs of the voters in the constituency who numbered 60,107. But, not more than 35 per cent of these voters had actually exercised their franchise.

This low polling has puzzled intelligent observers who anticipated that in Girgaum considered to be the most enlightened ward, the largest number of voters would turn up to the polls.

FORCES OF FEMININITY.

As the time was nearing, scenes of great enthusiasm and excitement became the order of the day. Huge crowds collected at the polling booths and raised Congress slogans. At the St. Columbia school polling booth at the Gowalia Tank Road, reserved for nearly 10,000 women voters in the ward, the crowds consisting of an equal number of men and women were almost uncontrollable, and the Gamdevi police had a busy time warding off the crowds and controlling traffic in that narrow lane.

Here a large number of Parsi women voters solidly supported Sir Jehangir, but in the evening hundreds of women turned up and voted for the Congress.

At the Union High School polling booth, Khetwadi Main Road, Sir Jehangir was again supported by the Parsi residents of the locality, but even there the Congress candidates offered a good opposition.

BRISK POLLING.

At the Gilder Tank School polling station, Lamington Road, it was a majority of workers, who rushed in almost at the closing time and polling was very brisk. The result was that the Congress made good its weak position and again offered a powerful opposition.

At the Vanita Visram Hall, Sandhurst Road, Congress established a sound lead from the commencement of polling and that lead continued till the end.

At the Blavatsky Lodge and the Robert Money School polling stations, polling was resumed after lunch, with a spurt in the number of Congress supporters at the polls.

At the Wilson College polling station, it was the same story. If lorry-loads of Sir Jehangir's supporters came to the booth in the morning, scores of Congress supporters came in the afternoon and the polling closed with a feeling of confidence on the part of the Congress Workers.

At the Tutorial High School, Kennedy Bridge, there was an undiminished rush of voters since the beginning till the very end, and here too the Congress workers gave a hopeful account of the position of the Congress leaders.

LEADERS PRESENT.

Sirdar Vallabhbhai Patel and Sjt. Bhulabhai Desai went round the City and their presence undoubtedly made the wavering take heart and exert more.

On the whole the position of the Congress candidates in the Girgaum ward is considered satisfactory according to all estimates.

"E" Ward

POLICE CONFISCATE LATHIS

Dr. Ambedkar's Remonstration Proves Futile

As though as a severe set-back to the over-exuberant enthusiasm shown by the volunteers of Dr. Ambedkar, "lathis" were confiscated by the Police from Dr. Ambedkar's volunteers at Sir Elly Kadoorie School, Mazagaon, at about 4 p.m., when it was pointed out by the agents of the Congress that those lathis intimidated the electorate.

Dr. Ambedkar remonstrated but without avail.

A surprise was in store for the Congress in the afternoon, as only 23 per cent polled. It seemed a field day for Dr. Ambedkar, when only handfuls of Congress voters dribbled into the several polling booths in the afternoon.

The second candidate in the run for this ward appeared to be Dr. Gilder and if some of the Parsi agents of the Congress had used their persuasive powers more to dividing votes between the Congress candidates than for overt plumping tactics, it would have been easy sailing for the two Congress candidates.

Most of the polling officers at Morland Road polling booths had an easy time with the amusing incidents of instructing the voters. At one polling booth a voter was seen drawing sketches of some of the symbols of the candidates and was seen hard at drawing the symbol of an umbrella. He was told to mark only crosses on the ballot-paper.

In the afternoon Dr. Ambedkar's voters had exhausted themselves and polling was dull till the close of the day.

POSITION AT NOON

Polling was not so exciting in the "E" Ward before noon.

At noon a good deal of enthusiasm was evinced by the electorate and more Congress cars were in evidence.

A marked feature of polling in the morning was that Dr. Ambedkar's volunteers paraded in lorries and marched in procession.

Fleets of Congress cars and reserved "BEST" buses bearing Congress flags were seen moving from early morning.

For "E" and "F" wards six persons are contesting. They are:

Jinabhai Joshi (Congress) Dr. M. D. Gilder (Congress) Baboo Babaji Palwankar (Congress) B. J. Deorukhkar K. N. Joglekar and Dr. B. R. Ambedkar.

There are altogether six polling booths, including one for the women. In this ward, 38,243 votes are to be polled in the several polling booths.

After 11 a.m. Morland Road presented a lively appearance and several workers' lorries carrying Dr. Ambedkar's voters came to the two polling booths. Congress cars slided briskly, thanks to the excellent Police arrangements, particularly in disallowing the Congress cars to park while the jaggernaut lorries of Dr. Ambedkar stopped near the kerb of the road on the opposite side.

Till noon, polling in booths in the Mazagaon locality was dull but became brisk and lively in the afternoon.

WOMEN SLACK.

The women voters in the "E" ward took their own time to visit their polling booths and till 8-30 a.m. except for the women agents of the candidates, there were no voters. For some time women agents exceeded in number to the voters but before noon more than fifty women exercised their franchise.

At about 10 o'clock Mr. and Mrs. Munshi came to the Mazagaon Police Court booth and arranged for the Congress agents to have seats inside the court-yard.

They were soon followed by Dr. Ambedkar who after visiting the several polling booths in the Mazagaon locality was driven to Morland Road where he was cheered by his volunteers in uniform and armed with lathis. If lorries that came to the ward and the number of voters visiting tents were a criterion to form an idea of the chances of the candidates in the morning, it could be safely assumed that Dr. Ambedkar was leading in the ward in the morning.

Soon after Dr. Ambedkar left the locality, more lorries came to Morland Road, shouting in the name of Dr. Ambedkar. But the voters which those lorries carried complacently allowed themselves to be led in the sheds of Mr. Joglekar.

About 3,000 votes were polled till noon.

Kamatipura appeared to be the stronghold of the Congress in this Ward but all the votes from this ward could not be availed of.

"F" Ward

Dr. GILDER IN SURE POSITION

Joglekar Loses Advantage Gained In Morning

The Byculla goods shed was the liveliest of the booths in the "F" ward. Especially towards evening there was great rush and volunteers cried themselves hoarse. Mr. Joglekar appears to have lost the advantageous position he had secured in the morning.

Voting at all other booths in the ward was somewhat slack and at a liberal estimate not more than half the voters seem to have gone to the polls.

Dr. Gilder maintains a sure position. Mr. Joglekar's supporters seem to think that he can eliminate Mr. Joshi. Dr. Ambedkar too is said to have a fair chance against Mr. Baloo, for the reserved seat. But the ballot box has its own way of springing surprises.

"Don't teach your grandmother to suck eggs"—this was in effect the retort that enthusiastic canvassers for rival candidates got from the politically conscious electorate of Matunga, on Wednesday morning, when voting commenced for the General constituencies in the city of Bombay.

Election fever was on at Matunga even on Tuesday night. Parties of boys with national flags scoured the streets shouting Congress slogans. A temporary election office had been opened in the compound of Mr. Lakhamsi Napoo's building in Matunga.

The voters flocked there to find out at what station they had to vote. Much chagrin was felt and expressed that the booths had been fixed by alphabetical order and all the Iyers, Achars, Iyengars and Raos whose names began with the too frequent Narayana or Narasimha or any other letter from N to Z had to trek all the way to Byculla Goods Depot. Similarly everybody from Byculla to Sion, whose name began with the letters A to D had to go in whatever conveyance they could get to Matunga.

A holiday to the middle class office workers in this area usually meant a long lazy revel in bed. But Wednesday's story was different. Housewives woke early, to the ringing of time piece alarms, and prepared their coffee and forced it on their husbands and packed them out double quick. From early morning, bugles were heard and drums and crying of slogans by Prabhat Pheris and by the time the booth opened at the Napoo Hall men were waiting to vote and the voting began regularly. A good pace was kept up and in the first two hours some 500 people are estimated to have cast their votes. Considering that this booth has to serve more than 7,000 voters the pace is none too quick but it is expected that the voting will become brisker by and by. Congress candidates were doing very well indeed but a strong contingent of the supporters of Dr. Ambedkar were seen pouring in Mr. Joglekar's supporters also seem to have convinced some of these "Petit Bourgeoisie" as they call them that they too deserved a vote.

250 VOTES CAST PER HOUR.

The King George English School presented scenes of greater enthusiasm. Supporters of Mr. Joglekar were much in evidence. They were arriving packed solidly in lorries, but not all of them perhaps, are voters. Voting here was by spurts, lorries and cars bringing in large number of voters together and a little lull for some time after, till the next contingent came up. The first two hours voting seems to have brought in a good percentage to Mr. Joglekar.

At the Dadar Polling Station voting was steady. 250 votes an hour is estimated to be the pace here: but it is expected to quicken up. Congress candidates are getting solid support here and the crest fallen looks of Mr. Joglekar's men had its own tale to tell. Dr. Ambedkar did not appear to be in the picture. Mr. and Mrs. Munshi visited the booth early in the morning and advised the workers to see that votes were properly split among the Congress candidates.

The G. I. P. Railway Byculla Goods Depot is the largest polling booth in the "F" Ward and has to cater for more than 18,000 voters. Though many of them are locked up in the mills that are working, there is great rush at this station. Parsi and Madrasi voters seemed to predominate.

About 10-30 a.m. there was some excitement near the booth when supporters of the Congress and those of Mr. Joglekar came into clash. About this time Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel and Sjt. Bhulabhai Desai, visited this booth in the course of their rounds. Just then there was a great rush and scuffle between the two parties ensued. A man's hat was knocked off. But the police intervened and quiet was restored.

It was all smooth sailing at the women's booth in the Ramachandra Bhatt High School, Parel. Parsi ladies were much in evidence and Congress candidates are getting solid support.

Rumours were heard at some of the booths that voting was proceeding on communal lines. It was stated that medical men and Parsis were casting all their votes for Dr. Gilder. If attempts to check this tendency do not succeed, Congress candidates may be placed in a risky position.

AT 2 P.M.

At Byculla, the polling was quite brisk till 1 p.m. Thereafter it slackened on account of the hot sun, but after three p.m. it is expected to become brisk again.

From four to five thousand are said to have cast their votes.

After the incident in the morning, nothing untoward happened.

Congress workers have been strictly instructed not to give any opportunities for trouble.

Cases of hustling voters and literally dragging them away to Mr. Joglekar's booth are not infrequent. When some of the mills and workshops close in the afternoon, he is expected to get more support.

Dr. Gilder and Mr. Jinabhai Joshi were at the station at 2 p.m.

At the D. M. Bhatt High School some 750 women are said to have cast their votes by two p.m.

It is reported that there was confusion on account of canvassing by rival agents inside this booth.

Polling at the other booths is weak

G. Ward

55 P. C. OF VOTERS GO TO POLLS

The Congress is considered to have done well in the "G" Ward (Dadar) and is expected to have polled 60 per cent. of the votes recorded of the Ward. Mr. Daundkar and Mr. B. V. Jadhav are said to be running a neck-to-neck race with the Congress and one of them may spring a surprise. Yet the Congress voters are expected to win with the aid of an overwhelming Suburban vote.

At the close of the polling it is estimated that about 55 per cent. of the voters had turned up at the booths in the "G" Ward.

About 1,200 women are stated to have exercised their votes.

Messrs. B. G. Kher, D. N. Wandrekar, S. Songaonkar, the Congress candidates are expected to succeed since the voters in the "G" Ward are understood to have evenly distributed their votes amongst them.

Besides, the position in the Suburbs is stated to be very much in favour of the Congress candidates (for the Bombay City North and Suburban District Urban general seat) in that it is expected that out of 75 per cent. of the 37,391 voters who polled therein 80 per cent. are in favour of the Congress.

There was no untoward incident except for one arrest for impersonation towards the afternoon at the Antonio Da Silva School.

The tent of an Independent candidate which was put up in the vicinity of the self. Same spot stated above had disappeared by the afternoon, for obvious reasons!

90 p. c. Vote Congress In Suburbs

BOMBAY, Wednesday.

Since morning a steady stream of motor vehicles bearing Congress posters have been bringing in voters to the polling-booths. The Congress candidates have been sweeping the polls, as it seems 90 per cent. of the voters have voted in favour of the Congress.

About a hundred from Varsova came in a procession shouting national slogans and singing songs.

Similar scenes were witnessed in Khar, Santa Cruz, Jogeshwari, and other places where the Congress is maintaining a big lead since the morning.

The voters were all in a holiday mood and an atmosphere of joy prevailed everywhere.

At Andheri

(From Our Correspondent)

ANDHERI Wednesday.

Since this morning a large fleets of motor cars full of Congress voters were seen going to the Gazdar Hall. Congress Candidates were receiving full support and about 90 per cent of voters were registered in their favour. Out of a total number of 3,000 voters about 1200 exercised their franchise of whom 200 were women. Earlier in the day about a 100 voters from Versova came in a procession on foot shouting national slogans and singing national songs.

Congress Lead In Suburbs

Voting in Suburbs was very brisk from an early hour in the morning and women and backward class people took keen interest in exercising their franchise. In all about 50 per cent. of the voters in the Suburbs went to Polls and 90 per cent. of them are stated to have voted for the three Congress candidates, dividing their votes equally.

An interesting feature of the Polling was that groups of villagers; mostly people from the backward classes collected all the voters in the village and walked to the polling booths and solidly voted for the Congress.

A noteworthy feature of the polling in the Suburbs was the keen interest evinced by the women, 75 per cent. of whom exercised their franchise. Indications are that all the Congress candidates will come out successful.

Take Up Your Country's Burden Manfully

Consecrate Life To Solve India's Problems, Urges Rabindrananath Tagore In Convocation Address

CALCUTTA, February 17.

"Well-nigh insoluble problems are rising to confront our country, one after another. The solutions of these problems may not be easy, but if not found, we shall descend lower and lower into the abyss.

"It is for you to think out where the remedy lies—but not by means of ignorant imaginings, nor by dint of tearful outbursts. Defeated you may be, but you must vow that defeat shall not come by your deserting the helm in fright, or because you foolishly deem it glorious to commit suicide by jumping into the raging waves.

"I call upon you to take up your country's burden manfully, in the light of your own intelligence freed from the vagueness of unrealities, facing and knowing the folly, the ugliness, the imperfections that beset you for what they really are, and not exaggerating them according to your particular bias".

This clarion call to the younger generation of the country to view the numerous problems confronting it in their proper perspective and also to consecrate their lives to hammer out satisfactory solutions thereof was sounded by Poet Rabindranath Tagore in the course of the address delivered at the Convocation of the Calcutta University held this afternoon in the spacious compound of the Presidency College.

It was for the first time in the history of the Calcutta University that one not directly connected with the University, was invited to deliver the Convocation address. His Excellency Sir John Anderson, Chancellor of the University, presided.

Dr. Tagore made history by addressing the students in Bengali.

S. P. Mukherjee's Address

CALCUTTA: Feb. 17.

"We resolutely oppose the policy of restricting education, urged on the ground that suitable opportunities for work cannot be found for all university-trained men. We do so not on any abstract principle nor for any sentimental reason.

"We do so because we firmly believe that, if our country is to be raised to an independent status, enjoying liberty and self-respect, it can be done primarily through the agency of unselfish and patriotic youths, men and women, who shine in deeds and not in words, who, in their thousands, would be called upon to dedicate their lives to the task of social and educational economic and agricultural, industrial and political uplift of the millions of their brethren, whose voice to-day is choked under the deadening influence of poverty and disease of strife and dissension, of ignorance and superstition.

"In the corporate interest of the nation, it will be the paramount duty of the State and of other men and organisations, capable of influencing our destinies, not to permit so much idealism, enthusiasm and trained skill to be wasted or turned into unproductive and undesirable channels, but to take them up with boldness and sympathy and employ them in diverse fields of activity, calculated to bring in their train an era of peace, progress and prosperity."

This constructive suggestion for re-organisation of the existing educational system in this province was put forward by Mr. Shyama Prasad Mookherjea, Vice-Chancellor of the Calcutta University, in the course of his address at the Annual Convocation held to-day.

Bengali Basis Of Instruction

Referring at the outset to the presence of Poet Rabindranath Tagore, who had been invited to deliver the Convocation Address this year, Mr. Mookherjea said:

"His presence at the Convocation at a time when we are about to launch upon a vigorous policy of making our mother-tongue the basis of instruction and examination is not without significance.

EX-CONSTABLE SHOOTS TWO DEAD

LAHORE, Feb. 17.

A Campbellpur message says that Lal Khan, an ex-police constable, has shot dead two and injured nine others of his village. It is stated that Lal Khan had been recently dismissed for insubordination. The Superintendent of Police, Campbellpur, has announced a reward of Rs. 100 for the arrest of the culprit, who is still at large.—United Press.

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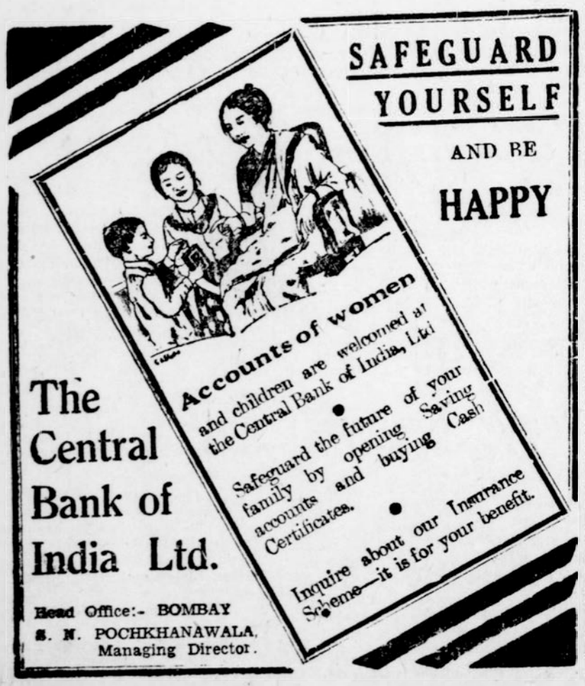
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"Moral Victory Was With Me And Congress"

DOCTOR M. ASHRAF EXPOSES BUREAUCRATIC TACTICS RESPONSIBLE FOR HIS DEFEAT

Interviewed by a press correspondent, Dr. Ashraf the Congress candidate for Muttra-Agra Muslim Rural constituency said:—"I am not at all surprised at my defeat; in fact, I feel happy to think that I managed to secure about 17 hundred votes for the Congress in face of severe and undisguised official interference in the whole of Agra district out of 5,400 total votes polled in a triangular fight. I was leading by a clear majority in the district of Muttra and the town of Firozabad where the officials gave a fair chance of contest. I was beaten heavily in Agra District where the situation was entirely different. Almost every Hindu and Muslim Honorary Magistrate, Zamindar and title-holder was made to work against me. Candidates who had withdrawn from the contest were definitely persuaded by officials to lend their support to Khan Bahadur Badruddin. Practically all the Sub-Inspectors and other police officers were busy canvassing against me with impunity. On the polling day one of my agents in Sikri was taken into police custody. In Achnera the police behaviour was perfectly disgraceful. I have very definite evidence to show that my voters, taken in police custody, were marched to the polling booth to vote for the Agriculturist party candidate. Due to rioting and Police intimidations dozens of my voters ran away to their villages without voting in sheer panic.

CORRESPONDENCE CENSORED

"In places where coercion failed other equally unfair methods came to the rescue of my opponents. The Intelligence Department of the Government had its own share to contribute. Important letters and telegrams were ordinarily censored and delivered too late to serve any useful purpose, causing inconvenience and dislocation of work. I have very good reasons to believe that all this official interference and organised opposition of political re-actionaries in Agra district had the encouragement and support of the highest officials. I had informed the District Magistrate about 6 weeks before the polling day that his name and office was being associated in canvassing for Khan Bahadur Badruddin.

MORAL VICTORY FOR CONGRESS

Mr. Paliwal, M.L.A., wrote again just about a fortnight before the polling day and referred to the instances of Police Sub-Inspectors canvassing against me in at least three "Thanas". He further expressed his anxiety for the maintenance of peace in the district. Mr. Dible had not the ordinary courtesy to acknowledge the note. I am afraid the conclusion is almost irresistible. In fighting the agriculturist party candidate one felt that one was fighting the whole organised strength of the bureaucracy, in alliance with political reaction in Agra District. Given a little less coercion and a little more security against official interference I challenge Khan Bahadur Badruddin to seek fresh election against me from this constituency. The moral and political victory in this contest is still decisively mine and for the Congress.

"I suggest that the Congress members of the Assembly will take up the question of official interference and enquire into all these allegations in the interest of a fair and unfettered election in future."

RAILWAY BUDGET UNDER FIRE

Asaf Ali Gives Notice Of 59 'Cuts'

NEW DELHI, Feb. 16.

Mr. Asaf Ali to-day gave notice of 59 cuts to be moved by the Congress Party to the Railway Demands for grants. These cuts are intended to raise various questions regarding the Railway Administration. One relates to the exclusion of Indians from the Wedgwood Committee. Others deal with the following subjects:

FOR THIRD CLASS PASSENGERS.

"Indianisation of the Railway Services: consequences of the B. N. Railway Strike: the lack of supervision and control over company-managed railways: the grievances of third class passengers: the grievances of the staff under the Financial Commissioner of Railways: passes to officers and subordinates: the construction of locomotives in India: too many saloons: conditions of the service of railway employees: to urge the taking over of all company-managed railways under state control: the Statutory Railway authority: third class passengers' amenities: to urge reduction in the number of passes issued to Railway officers: the adjustment of rates and fares to help Indian Industry: the failure to do away with the divisional system of administration: the functions and constitution of the Railway Advisory Committee: the want of fans and light in Inter and Third class carriages: the delay in building new third class carriages: policy regarding Rail-Road competition: The want of management and proper co-ordination of all means of transport: Stores purchase policy: tariff rates and fares: the Railway Rates Advisory Committee: recruitment of Services: contracts and tenders: accidents: standardisation: technical education: the policy of giving food contracts and vending of the same and articles to four men only by ousting hundreds of persons: recruitment of upper subordinates from outside: the policy in regard to Trade Unions: economy: the policy of the Railway Rates Advisory Committee: Labour grievances: timber purchase policy: policy of refunds: simplification of the goods traffic: policy of Subsidy and Rebate: inefficient methods of reservations of berths in upper classes and showing discrimination thereon: to draw the attention of Government to the corruption of railway employees: the handling, collection and delivery of goods: to discuss the grievances of third class passengers: Stores Department policy: Debt Policy: policy of withdrawals from the Depreciation Fund and the policy of new construction."

IMPOSSIBLE TO FORESEE.

It is not yet possible to foresee which of these demands will actually be discussed when the grants are voted on the 23rd, 24th, 25th and 26th of February since most of the party leaders will then be in Delhi.

It is likely that the parties may divide the sittings of the House to raise debates on the particular items which they may assign to the respective parties.—A.P.

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UNIVERSITY REFORM—III

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to be enforced. Presumably,—and in theory,—the responsibility, if any, must be to the appointing authority,—the Chancellor. But there is no known instance of the actual enforcement of such responsibility,—unless one regards the failure to reappoint a person as Vice-Chancellor after he has served one term as some sort of an implied censure of the person thus passed over.

In practice, therefore, the Vice-Chancellor is the most powerful officer in the University, wielding practically autocratic and non-responsible authority. He is, by law, president of the Senate in the absence of the Chancellor,—who is, of course, never present at ordinary meetings of the Senate,—and of the Syndicate, as well as of the Academic Council If a given incumbent of this exalted office interprets, as the present Vice-Chancellor has always done, his office to be no place of a mere dummy, or even of a simple maintainer of order and judge on such points; but who conceives and discharges his duty in the Chair as that of an active leader of the Assembly, taking direct part in the discussion on any subject he deems important enough for the purpose, giving a lead to the body he presides in by indicating his own view or will in the matter before the House, interjecting observations at any time while any member may be speaking, and ignoring the simplest courtesies to colleagues in debate or in the actual administration of the University,—the absence of real responsibility, or of the means to enforce it, must inevitably prove a source of the utmost danger to the body concerned, its liberties, and even its very raison d'etre.

Sources Of Influence

It must also be remembered, that the Vice-Chancellor has not only no direct responsibility to any known authority in the University; he is endowed by the Constitution with powers, direct as well as indirect, which must go a long way to make of him an intolerable autocrat, should he take it into his head to be one. The very position he holds must bring him the respect and deference of all those elements which would maintain the dignity of the chair irrespective of the blighting influence of the holder thereof on the independence of the body concerned. He can, moreover, influence considerably membership in that portion of the Senate which is nominated by the Chancellor It is but natural that those who owe their place in the Senate to such good offices must always feel a sense of gratitude, that will not permit them too great an independence in their activities in the Senate or other University bodies of which they become members by the grace of the Vice-Chancellor. There is, also, a considerable degree of patronage in the University; and though the Vice-Chancellor has not the sole disposal of that patronage, his good will must always be valuable to any one seeking to benefit from this source for himself or for his friends. Even in such important matters, like a College seeking affiliation for the first time,—not to obtain the goodwill of such a powerful personage might spell utter ruin, or at least very onerous conditions, for those interested in such affiliation. No wonder, then, that a person possessing such powers and influence makes himself a most formidable item when he enters the field of electioneering, or "collectioneering" of votes for a given candidate in an election to a University body. No wonder, also, that, should such a personage take an aversion to "agitations" like that in connection with the failures at the last annual Matriculation Examination, the agitation and the agitators would receive little sympathy, and less consideration. Such an officer can, in this age, never be left in the non-responsible position the Vice-Chancellor enjoys unless he is made an elected chief of the University executive.

3 Boats Capsize But Occupants Escape

LUCKNOW: Feb. 16.

Three boats, carrying an image of Saraswati for immersion, capsized this evening in the river Gumti, near Lucknow. All the occupants were fortunately saved. No life was lost.—United Press.

In the House of Commons, the Financial Secretary to the Treasury announced that Government contemplated the issue at special prices of specimen sets of the new gold and silver coins to commemorate the Coronation.

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Re-Armament Race

Gigantic Air Defence Expansion: White Paper On British Defence

LONDON, February 16.

A detailed statement covering the whole range of Britain's rearmament is contained in a White Paper issued to-night on Defence Expenditure.

The Paper points out that the request for powers to borrow four-hundred million sterling does not necessarily imply that the whole sum be realised, but it will be imprudent to contemplate that total expenditure on Defence during the next five years will be much less than 1,500 million sterling. Total expenditure meant normal estimates plus additional provision under the four-hundred million sterling scheme

Freedom Of Communications

Explaining the reasons for the new measures the White Paper says that recent years had witnessed immense elaboration of mechanical equipment of fighting services in many countries

The White Paper points out that while the necessity of modern equipment and protection against air attack was common to many nations, to the wide dispersal of territories comprising the Empire and the dependence of these Islands upon overseas supplies laid special responsibility on British forces, especially the navy, to preserve freedom of communication overseas, vital to our existence.

Modernisation of defence of strategic points in various parts of the Empire was itself a formidable item of defence programme.

Naval Programme

Dealing with the Navy it is emphasised that the country for some years will be constrained to undertake a series of heavy building programmes. In addition to two eight million sterling capital ships already being built, three more would be included in the 1937-38 financial year. It is estimated that seven cruisers will be included in the 1937 programme and two further aircraft carriers will be probably included in the same programme.

The average cost of new construction programme from 1931 to 1934 was less than twelve million sterling while in 1936 it was nearly fifty million. The expected cost of 1937 programme will be substantially higher.

The fleet arm is being substantially increased.

Military Programme

Army increases include two new tank battalions and certain ancillary troops necessary to enable a modern force to operate effectively in field.

The new measures to improve army conditions involve considerable increase of maintenance cost. Mechanisation is being accelerated in all branches of service.

Necessary arrangements are being made to meet the need for accumulation of immense reserves of ammunition to cover the first months before productive capacity can be increased

Air Programme

Regarding the Air Force there will be large numbers of new aerodromes and over seventy-five operational training and other stations at home and abroad.

The personnel of the Air Force has already risen from thirty-one thousand in 1934 to over fifty thousand in 1936 further large increase was contemplated during the coming year.

Emphasising the formidable nature of task confronting the Government the White Paper concludes "Since they first embarked upon it, conditions governing its extent and pace cannot be said to have become more favourable and at present there would, in view of the Government, be no justification for any reduction or slowing down of programme." It adds: It was Government's firm belief that the rearmament plan was a contribution indispensable for peace and one which it was the duty of people to make.—Reuter.

PRESS COMMENTS ON BRITAIN'S DEFENCE PROGRAMME

LONDON, Feb. 17.

The gigantic defence expenditure was the main topic of conversation in the Parliamentary lobbies last night. Government circles expect the policy to evoke the widespread support of their adherents, while the opposition is expected to draw gloomy pictures of heavily rising taxation which, they believe, is inevitable.

The two days' debate on the subject, will open to-day when Mr. Chamberlain moves the money resolution in connection with the Defence Loan.

One of the chief criticisms that Labour is likely to make is that the White Paper does not give evidence of any co-ordinating plan as regards defence.

The "Daily Telegraph," estimating the annual amount to be provided from taxation at £220,000,000 says that it may mean a sensible addition to taxation but the fact that a Chancellor so cautious as Mr. Chamberlain should deem the effort within the capacity of the country without undue strain is strong indication of his belief of continued prosperity.

The "Morning Post" says that if the performance is commensurate with the promise and if, in the meantime, we can avert the catastrophe of war, we may reasonably look forward to a future in which no one will think it remunerative to attack us.

Absurdly Low

The "Daily Mail" finds the provision for the urgent needs of defence still absurdly low compared with Germany's armaments expenditure.

The "Times" says that the rough estimate of the expenditure does not seem excessive, nevertheless it is patently gigantic. A convincing case has been made out both for the financial and economic principles of Government's proposals. It remains for the House of Commons to see that full value is obtained for expenditure and that priority is given to the most urgent of the defence matters, particularly the lag in the fulfilment of the Air Force programme, and, concurrently, that no opportunity is lost in securing such relaxation of international tension as may make the programme elastic in the right direction.

MADRAS HONOURS TRAVANCORE RULER

Civic Address On State's Rapid Progress

MADRAS, Feb. 17.

An address presented by the Madras Corporation this evening to the Maharaja of Travancore and Maharani Setu Parvati Bai extended a hearty welcome and warmest greetings to Their Highnesses, and added:

"It is a matter of great gratification that during Your Highness' reign, Travancore has been making rapid progress in the economic and social spheres. This was signalised in the recent epoch-making royal proclamation throwing open Hindu temples in the State to Harijans, which elicited universal admiration and in which we know that Your Highness has had the rare co-operation and counsel of your distinguished and cultured mother.

Replying, the Maharaja thanked the Mayor and councillors, said, "we are deeply sensible of the honour done to us at the instance of the premier municipal body in the Madras presidency, with which my State is interlinked in many ways—cultural, historical and commercial. We appreciate what you said regarding the temple-entry proclamation, whose object is to emphasise the equality of all communities in the sight of God, and whose results will, I trust, justify our expectations."

In conclusion, His Highness wished them, and Madras City, all prosperity and complete success in the sphere of local self-Government.—A.P.

TO WRITE OFF Rs. 62 CRORES?

Legislators Wrestling With The Budget

(From Our Correspondent.)

NEW DELHI, Feb. 17.

Members of the Assembly and the Council of State spent several hours to-day wrestling with the Railway Budget figures. A proposal to write off 62 crores representing debts to the Depreciation Fund and arrears of contribution to general revenues is one of the features of the budget which has been examined with a most critical attention and is likely to evoke a great deal of hostile comment in the course of debate that opens to-morrow. A serious objection is taken to such drastic procedure because it is pointed out thereby, India will make a free gift of crores to Burma when India could ill afford it.

Patna, February 17: Sir Maurice Hallett, the New Governor of Bihar, will reach Patna on the morning of March 10, and will be accorded a public reception at the Hardinge Park.—A.P.

CITY VOTERS MOBBED

Voters mobbed by lady Canvassers on arrival for voting at Chanda Ramji School, Girgaum.

PRESIDENCY'S SUPPORT TO CONGRESS NOMINEES FOR ASSEMBLY

POONA, Feb. 17.

The Democratic Swarajya Party leader Mr. L. B. Bhopatkar has thrown out a challenge to the Congress which the latter has accepted by setting up Mr. Bhalchandra M. Gupte as its nominee to fight the election from the Poona City constituency.

There are 55,180 voters who sit on judgment over the merits and demerits of Congress and the Democratic Swarajya Party. Mr. Gupte seeks to represent the people of Poona city in the Bombay Lagislature on the ticket of Congress and on the record of his past services and sacrifices during the Civil Disobedience Movements. Mr. L. B. Bhopatkar is fighting against his own brother Mr. B.B. Bhopatkar and the Congress on the ticket of orthodoxy backed by a host of Sanatanists.

The fight may bring out any results but judging by the number of voters going to and coming out of the different polling booths, Congress appears to lead by a fair margin

For the one women's seat from this city there are two contestants Mrs. Laxmibai Thuse (Congress) and Mrs. Subhadrabai Tarkunde (Democratic Party). Polling for this constituency takes place to-morrow only but canvassing goes on as briskly as ever.

There are 49 polling booths for males while 14 are reserved for female voters. For to-morrow's polling 42 booths have been provided for men while 12 for women. Police arrangements seem to be pucca in the sense that elaborate arrangements are made to regulate traffic and detect impersonation.—United Press.

CONGRESS FARES WELL IN POONA ELECTION

Women Take Great Interest In Polling

(From Our Correspondent.)

POONA, February 17.

POLLING COMMENCED AT 8 THIS MORNING IN POONA CITY GENERAL URBAN CONSTITUENCY TO ELECT ONE REPRESENTATIVE TO THE BOMBAY LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

There are about 60 polling stations in the City, Suburban, Cantonment and Kirkee area and number of voters is about 55,000. To-day was heralded by horns of motors, rushing helter skelter and superb activity prevailing everywhere.

Your correspondent toured round the majority of polling stations and noticed immense enthusiasm everywhere. Polling was brisk at some stations especially in advanced areas but rather dull in some other parts of the City.

Special polling stations, provided for women, however, wore animated appearance and exhibited great awakening among the fair sex.

It is anticipated that rate of polling will improve as the day advances. E W Trotman, Collector and returning officer, personally visited all the polling stations this morning and supervised all arrangements which hardly left anything to be desired.

In the districts also polling is taking place to-day and report of smooth polling is received.

Congress is stated to have begun well forecasting success in the City and the District as well.

Congressmen Poll Well At Jalgaon

(From A Correspondent.)

JALGAON, February 17.

There was good polling for all Congress candidates. Diwan Bahadur Dongarsing is not attending.

Mr. Waman Vyankat the Maratha candidate and the Sanatani candidate, Mr. Laxman Shivram have very poor chances.

Mr Patil is getting some support.

A complaint against the Presiding Officer at Savda was forwarded to the Returning Officer and Reforms Government Secretary, Bombay.

HARIJANS AND WOMEN LEAD AT NASIK

NASIK, Feb. 17.

When polling closed here this evening for four seats in the Legislative Assembly including one reserved for the Scheduled Castes, it appeared that only 3,842 men had voted of 7,200, while 903 women out of 1200 women had exercised franchise.

The Harijans were definitely more enthusiastic, both men and women, over 80 per cent of them having voted.—A. P.

Women Turn Up In Large Numbers

RATNAGIRI, Feb. 17

The presence of large numbers of women at the polling booths to exercise their franchise was the most noticeable features of to-day's polling for the Bombay Assembly which passed off without incident.

Canvassers were active, and it is estimated that about 50 per cent of the electorate voted.—A.P.

Quadruple Contest

RATNAGIRI, Feb. 17.

Four parties are fighting in the elections, namely, the Congress, Democratic Swaraj Party, Khoti Sabha Labour, and Independent

At noon voting was very poor, but it steadily improved. By 5 p.m. about 30 per cent. are estimated to have polled.—A. P.

Congress Leads In Ahmedabad

(From Our Correspondent).

AHMEDABAD, Feb. 17.

Polling commenced this morning for the two seats from the City Constituency, for which there are three candidates Messrs. Balvantrai Thakore and Mavalankar, both Congress and Jaduwala, Independent. About 116,000 voters will go to 81 polling booths. Voting in the morning was meagre. Both Congressmen are leading.

In the district, however, there is keen fight for one seat between the Congress candidate Mr Ishwarlal Vyas and his strong rival the Thakore of Sanand.

At Borsad

BORSAD, Feb. 17.

Polling commenced here this morning in an animated atmosphere, and Borsad Town was astir since early morning. Congress volunteers parading the streets with beat of drums and shouting Congress slogans.

The village routes presented orderly batches of voters marching on foot to the nearest polling stations. Women voters lent charm to the perfect poling arrangements.

There are indications that Congress candidates have received overwhelming support.—United Press.

Congress Leads At Alibag

(From A Correspondent).

ALIBAG: Feb. 17.

Congress is leading in all groups in all Talukas. All Congress candidates have got full support.

N. Thana Stands By Congress

(From A Correspondent.)

Mr. V. V. Kirtane, President District Congress Committee, who toured round all important polling stations is hopeful about the success of all the three Congress candidates from North Thana constituency.

Mr. M. M. Karbhari sitting member, has no chances and though Mr. D. W. Raut Non-Brahmin Party candidate seemed to get some support at the polling stations his chances are uncertain.

Congress Leads In Thana South

(From A Correspondent).

BHIWANDI: Feb. 17.

The Congress candidates' position in the urban area is best. Both the Congress candidates are sure to be elected. Messrs. Damle and Vanmali are the candidates for Southern Division of Thana District.

Peasants Plump For Congress

(From A Correspondent.)

VIRAR, Feb. 17.

Peasants flocked in large numbers to vote on Congress in Bassein taluka. They have solidly supported Congress. Congress victory is assured.

Polling At Ghatkopar

GHATKOPAR, Feb. 17.

More than 50 per cent of the Ghatkopar voters exercised their franchise to-day and solidly voted for the Congress. Woven voters vied with men in swelling the polls. The Bhagini Mandal workers were all in attention to the voters and are to a great extent responsible for the success of the polling day.

CONGRESS CANDIDATE WIRES TO COLLECTOR

Delay In Issue Of Ballot Papers Alleged

HUBLI, February 17.

To-day the Assembly elections commenced here. Mr. Jog's agent in the third ward has sent an urgent telegram to the Collector, the Returning Officer, complaining alleged delay, and partiality in issue of ballot papers to his supporters.

It is reported that some lady electors kept waiting for more than half an hour. It is further reported that Mr. Jog's agents' remonstrance met with rowdy demonstrations from rival candidates. Mr. Jog's agent in his wire prayed for immediate relief.

Mr. Jog is a Congress candidate.

BREACHES ON NILGIRI RAILWAY

PODANUR, Feb. 17.

The District Traffic Superintendent telegraphs under date today:—

Due to slips at mile 5-5/15 between Kallar and Adderley on the Nilgiri Railway, through running of trains between those stations were interrupted from 7-30 a.m. to-day. Transhipment is being effected. Through-running will probably be resumed at about 7-30 a.m. to-morrow.—A.P.

Congress Lead In C. P. Elections

Absolute Majority In U. P: President Of Council And Ex-Minister Defeated

NAGPUR: February 17.

In the C. P. Legislative Assembly Elections, the Congress captured five more seats when further results of General seats were announced, following counting of votes in various Districts.

The Congress total strength is now 12, including three unopposed returns.

The non-Brahmins secured 2, including one reserved for the Scheduled Castes.—A. P.

U. P. Speaker Floored

MEERUT: February 17.

Counting of votes from the Meerut-cum-Hapur-cum-Bulandshahr-cum-Khurja-cum-Nagina Urban Constituency took place today, when Pandit Pyarelal Sharma, Congress nominee, was declared elected, defeating Sir Sitaram, President of the United Provinces Legislative Council, by securing 11,306 votes. Sir Sitaram secured only 4,600 votes. Mr. Ramrichpal Singh, who also contested the election from that Constituency as an Independent candidate, has forfeited his security money.

It will be recalled Sir Sitaram contested from the Sitapur Constituency, where his security was forfeited.

Several thousand persons greeted Mr. Pyarelal with cries of "Congress Zindabad."—United Press.

FRESH CONGRESS GAINS IN C. P.

One Opponent Forfeits Security

NAGPUR, Feb. 17.

Mr. Kashiprasad Panday, a Congress candidate, was declared elected to the C. P. Assembly from the Sihora General Rural constituency, securing 11,898 votes as against 3,159 votes secured by Mr. Laloo Prasad, his rival.

Seth Dipchand, a Congress candidate, was elected from the Betul Bhinsdehi General Rural constituency securing 9,462 votes against 1,843 votes secured by Mr. Gopinath Bhargava (Hindu Sabha) and 114 votes secured by Mr. R. B. Bhargava. The last named candidate forfeits his security money.

Mr. Anant Ram Kurmi, a Congress candidate, has defeated Mr. Shankerrao Ganodwale, Independent, by a thumping majority from the Raipur General Rural constituency. The former has secured 18,692 votes while the latter has secured 2,649 votes.

Mr. Puran Satnami, a Congress candidate for the reserved seat for Harijans has been elected by securing 3,856 votes. His rival secured 935 votes.

Party positions in the C.P. Assembly till 5-30 p.m. to-day were as follows:—

Congress—11, Independent Hindus—2 and Independent Muslims—3.—United Press.

Berar Results

An Akola message says:—

Elections in Berar under the new Constitution are now over, excepting those in the Landholders and the Commerce constituencies which will be held to-morrow.

The following result was announced to-day:—Akola District Rural Mohammedan constituency: Khan Bahadur Rahman Beg was elected with 935 votes defeating Mr. Masood Miya with 821.

LEAGUER ELECTED.

A Khandwa message says:

Khan Bahadur Hifazat Ali M.L.C. (Muslim League) has been elected from Nimar Muslim constituency with 2,929 votes. His opponents, Messrs. Mohammad Asgar and Mohammed Akhtar, secured 1,811 and 884 votes respectively.—A. P.

THREE CONGRESS OPPONENTS LOSE SECURITY

(From A Correspondent.)

MEERUT, Feb. 17.

Muttra East General constituency: Chaudhri Shivmangalsing (Congress) 19,387 Mr. Kunwar Girwarsingh N. A. P. 2,763 Mr. Jaswant Singh (Independent) 472 Mr. Komalprasad (Independent) 8; invalided 87. All defeated candidates loose security total polling was 72 p.c.

MUSLIM CONGRESSMAN'S SUCCESS

LUCKNOW, Feb. 17.

The first Muslim Congressman to be elected in Lucknow is Dr. Syed Husain Zaheer, son of Sir Wazir Hasan, ex-Chief Judge of the Oudh Chief Court, who was declared elected from the University Constituency, obtaining 246 votes and defeating Dr. Narain Prasad Asthana with 178 votes, Diwan Chand with 154 and Dr. Ishwari Prasad with 108.

Further U. P. Results

LUCKNOW, Feb. 17.

The following results in the elections to the U. P. Assembly are announced:—

General Rural Almora District: Pandit Hargovind (Congress) with 24913 votes was elected defeating Mr. Dansingh with 5291 Mr. T. H. Jang Bahadur Singh (N. A. P.) with 4,773 and Mr. Kisansingh with 315 votes. The last forfeits his security.

Muhammedan Rural Sitapur District: Mr. Muba Hirhusain Kidwai (Muslim League) with 5,358 votes was elected defeating Mr. Muhammad Kasim (Congress) with 1,885 votes and Jalis Ahmed with 21 votes. The latter forfeits his security

Bijnor (South-East): Chaudhary Islamulla Mullahkhan with 4,300 votes was elected defeating Mr. Abdul Latiff (Congress) with 3,068 votes.

Muhammadan Urban: Badaun, Shahjahanpur and Sambhal Cities Mr. Karimulrazan Khan (Muslim League) with 3,884 votes was elected defeating Mr Ikram Alam with 2,263 votes.—A. P.

Hindu Sabha Win In Punjab

LAHORE, Feb. 17.

Rai Bahadur Mukundlal Puri, a Hindu Election Board candidate, was declared elected to the Punjab Assembly to-day from the Rawalpindi Division General constituency, defeating Lala Bharilal Chanana, a Congress Nationalist Party candidate, by a majority of 153 votes.—United Press.

EX-MINISTER DEFEATED

According to the latest message from Lucknow, Rai Rajeshwarbali ex-Education Minister has been defeated by Krishnanand Khare Congress candidates from Barabanki Dt. South.

The Congress has so far secured 128 seats out of 228 contested ones.

GOOD VOTING PERCENTAGE IN FRONTIER

PESHAWAR, Feb. 17.

The official returns of the percentage of votes polled in the Frontier Province almost confirm the prediction of the Reforms Officer, Khan Bahadur Dilawar Khan (70 per cent.) the actual figure being 72.8 4,895 female voters—71.4 per cent. of those eligible—exercised their franchise, the highest percentage being 87 in Bannu district and the lowest, 22, in Hazara District. Among the territorial constituencies, the highest percentage (87) was polled in Kamalzai, Nawab Hoti's home constituency, comprising his estate, where Congress victory is reported. The smallest percentage is in Razzar and Amazai (38 and 39 respectively), where the Congress nominations have been rejected, but are filing election petitions. The Congress voters here are stated to have remained neutral.—A. P.

CONGRESS WIN IN C. P.

DRUG, Feb. 17.

Mr. Vishwanathrao Tamaskar, a Congress candidate, was declared elected to the C. P. Assembly from the Bemetara Tahsil constituency, defeating his opponent Mr. Thoke. The former secured 13,124 votes while the latter secured 3,230 votes.

The Drug and Balod Congress candidates are also expected to defeat their opponents by an overwhelming majority.—United Press.

Latest Commercial News

NEW YORK COTTON

3 POINTS UP

Bullion Quiet But Wheat Steady And Base Metals Firm

BOMBAY, Feb. 17.

On Wednesday crossrates ruled quiet

N. Y. COTTON STEADY.

New York cotton opened easy but prices slightly improved later and the tone was steady.

BULLION QUIET.

London gold and silver ruled quiet.

WHEAT VERY STEADY.

Wheat was very steady. Base metals and rubber were firm.

SELLING PRESSURE IN SECURITIES.

The London Stock Exchange was rather irregular in the absence of any important buying. Giltedged securities came under some pressure but the fall was not heavy.

COTTON

LATEST NEW YORK COTTON PRICES

MAY 1937

New York, Feb. 17.

Previous closing	12.38
To-day's opening	12.36
Difference	—.02
To-day's closing	12.41
Difference	plus .03

LIVERPOOL COTTON

MAY 1937

Liverpool, Feb. 17.

Previous closing	6.95
To-day's opening	6.91
Difference	—.04
To-day's closing	6.95
Difference	nil.

BROACH EXPECTATION

April May Rs. 221

N. Y. COTTON MARKET

New York, Feb. 17.

Cotton showed slight easiness on absence of any constructive news with operators awaiting further developments from Washington.

Operations in May commenced at 12.36 i.e. 2 points lower than previous closing prices declined on scattered liquidation and outside selling but subsequently rallied on some trade demand with May gradually rising to 12.39 with a steady undertone.

New York cotton finally closed at 12.41 with a rise of 3 points for May delivery.

NEW YORK COTTON

New York, Feb. 17.

The following were the opening ranges:—

March (12.66/12.65) 12.54/12.53
May (12.51/12.50) 12.36/12.36
July (12.36/12.34) 12.26/12.25

LIVERPOOL COTTON

Liverpool, Feb. 17.

The following were the rates at 12-15 p.m.:—

American March (6.97) 6.91
American May (6.97) 6.91
Egyptian March (9.26) 9.27
Egyptian May (9.54) 9.55

BROACH COTTON

Bombay, Feb. 17.

Broach cotton for April May delivery moved between Rs. 219-8 and Rs. 220-12 at night. The rate at 3-30 p.m. was Rs. 220-12.

LONDON MARKETS

London, Feb. 17.

The rates at 3-30 p.m. were as follows:—

TEA

Indian Pekoe (1-0 3/4) 1-0 3/4
Indian Pekoe higher (1-4 3/4) 1-4 3/4
Ceylon Pekoe (1-1) 1-1 1/4
Ceylon Pekoe higher (2-3 3/4) 2-3 1/2

JUTE

New Crop February March (£18 7/8 sellers) £18 13/16 sellers.
Dunlop February (£22) £22
Lightning February (£20 1/4) £20 1/4 sellers.

RUBBER

Spot (10 7/16 value) 10 9/16 buyers.
Forward April June (10 7/16 paid and buyers) 10 5/8 paid and sellers.

LINSEED

Castorseed Bombay February March (£13 3/4 sellers) £13 3/4 sellers.
Linseed Calcutta February March (£13 7/8 sellers) £13 13/16 sellers.
Linseed La Plata January (£11 3/4) £11 3/4 sellers.
Groundnuts Coromandal March (£15 sellers) £14 7/8 sellers.

LIVERPOOL WHEAT

Liverpool, Feb. 17.

Liverpool wheat opened steady with March at 101 and May 102 5/8. The market was fairly active on scattered buying but business was restricted by foreign uncertainties but subsequently the market improved somewhat.

CHICAGO WHEAT

Chicago, Feb. 17.

Chicago wheat opened steady with May at 1.36 1/4. Prices advanced on scattered buying by commission houses otherwise there was no important demand.

BROWN BOLD LINSEED

Bombay, Feb. 17.

The market was closed to-day.

EXCHANGES

LONDON-NEW YORK CROSS RATES

Latest Quotations

T. T. NEW YORK ON LONDON

New York, Feb. 17.

Previous closing	4.89 23/32
To-day's opening	4.89 19/32
To-day's closing	4.89 3/8

T. T. LONDON ON NEW YORK

London, Feb. 17.

Previous closing	4.89 13/16
To-day's opening	4.89 11/16
To-day's closing	4.89 7/16
Difference	—.00 3/8

FRANC RATE

London, Feb. 17.

Previous closing	105.10
To-day's opening	105.10
To-day's closing	105.13
Difference	plus .03

LONDON EXCHANGES

London, Feb. 17.

London exchanges opened with the sterling dollar at 4.89 11/16 and then became somewhat easy declining to 4.89 1/2.

The sterling dollar crossrate closed at 4.89 7/16.

Franc opened at 105.10 and continued steady with slight variation.

The sterling franc crossrate closed at 105.13.

CROSS RATES

London, Feb. 17.
3-30 p.m.

London on Bombay (1-6 1/8) 1-6 1/8
Paris on Bombay (7.940) 7.942
New York Bombay (37.02) 37.03
Berlin on Bombay (0.92) 0.92
London on Milan (93.03) 93.06
London on Shanghai (1-2 19/32) 1-2 19/32
London on Kobe (1-1 31/32) 1-1 31/32

DISCOUNTS

London, Feb. 17.

3 months (9/16 to 9/16 per cent) 9/16 to 9/16 per cent
4 months (9/16 to 5/8 per cent) 9/16 to 5/8 per cent
6 months (5/8 to 11/16 per cent) 5/8 to 11/16 per cent

LONDON METALS

London, Feb. 17.

To-day's opening rates were as follows:—

Tin (£230 3/4 sellers. Very steady) £231 1/2 buyers £231 3/4 sellers. Very steady.
Lead (£27 1/4 buyers. No sellers. Very steady) £28 1/4 buyers £28 3/8 sellers. Strong.
Electrolytic Copper (£62 1/2 to £63 1/2) £63 1/2 to £64 1/2
Glasgow Iron (£87) £87

SILVER CABLES

Bombay, Feb. 17.

The following cable information was received here to-night from London.

"Small business. Market quiet"

LONDON SILVER

	Latest Prices.	To-day's Prices.
Spot	20 1/16d.	20 1/16d.
Forward	20 1/16d.	20d.

LONDON GOLD

London, Feb. 17.

Gold Bars Fine per ounce (£7-2-0 1/2) 7-0-0 1/2.

ALL MARKETS CLOSED

Bombay, Feb. 17.

All city markets were closed to-day.

KARACHI MARKET REPORT

Karachi, Feb. 17.

To-day's closing quotations:—

Cotton Sind March 21/15/3, May 21/8/9.
Punjab March 18/10/6, 18/9/6.
American March 23/3/6, May 23/6/6, tone weak.
Wheat March 30/13/3, July 28/11/3, tone dull and steady.
Toria February 38/12, March 38/15/3, May 39/8/3.
Gram July 21/3/6.
Cotton seeds March 16/14, May 17/5/3.

3½ P. C. GOVT. PAPER

Closing Quotation

Bombay, Feb. 17.

The market was closed to-day.

INDIAN STERLING LOAN

London, Feb. 17.

The 3 1/2 per cent Indian Sterling Loan closed to-day at £92 as against the previous closing at £92 3/4

INDIAN LOANS

London, Feb. 17.
3-30 p.m.

3 per cent New Indian Loan (£98 1/2) £98 1/4
3 1/2 per cent Indian Loan (£92 1/2) £92 1/4
4 1/2 per cent Indian Stock (1950-55) (£112) £111 3/4
4 1/2 per cent 1958-58 (£115 1/2) £115 3/4
4 per cent Indian 1948-53 (£107) £106 3/4
5 per cent Indian 1942-47 (£113) £113
3 1/2 per cent New Indian 1954-59 (£103) £102 3/4

AUSTRALIAN LOANS

3 per cent Australian Loan 1945-70 (£107 3/8) £108

BRITISH FUNDS

2 1/2 per cent Consols (£80) £79 1/2
3 1/2 per cent Government Loan (£103 1/4) £102 1/2
4 1/2 per cent Conversion Loan (£107 3/8) £107
5 per cent Funding Loan (£112 3/8) £112
3 1/2 per cent War Loan (£102 1/4) £102
4 per cent Victory Bonds (£110 7/8) £110 3/4

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE

London, Feb. 17.
3-30 p.m.

Market generally were rather irregular. Foreigners were good. Coppers fluctuated. Oils were strong and active.

INDUSTRIALS

British Celanese Second Preference (17-6) 17-6
Marke and Spencer Ordinary (88-1 1/2) 85-7 1/2
Hydro Electric (12-1 1/2) 12-4 1/2
Musical Industries (25-0) 24-3
Princhin Johnson (55-6) 55-6
Imperial Chemical (40-4 1/2) 40-3
Woolsworth Ordinary (83-1 1/2) 78-9
Realisation 1930 (98-9) 99-3
Dunlop Rubber (34-0) 33-6
Unilever Ordinary (44-0) 43-9
Ford Motors (32-9) 32-6
Cables and Wireless (£8) £8
British American Tobacco (130-0) 128-9
Carreas A (£8 3/4) £8 3/4
Imperial Tobacco Ordinary (160-0) 156-3
P and O S N Company Deferred (30-10 1/2) 31-4 1/2
Distillers (114-8) 113-9
Bredford Dyers (12-0) 11-0
British Celanese (10 1/8) 10 3/8
J and P Coates Ordinary (52-3) 52-0
Courtaulds Ordinary (54-6) 54-7 1/2
Fine Cotton Spinners (13-4 1/2) 12-7 1/2
Vickers Limited Ordinary (36-9) 37-1 1/2
Inter Nickels (65-10 1/2) 66-7 1/2
Indian Iron and Steel Ordinary (55-0) 55-0
Tata Iron and Steel (£104) £104

TEA SHARES

Assam Company (20-0) 20-0
Donaro Tea (48-9) 48-9
Empire of India (31-0) 31-6

RUBBER SHARES

Anglo Dutch Rubber (43-4 1/2) 42-7 1/2
Gula Kelampong (58-9) 58-9
Rubber Plant Inv Trust (42-9) 42-9

JUTE SHARES

Barnagore (£10 1/2) £10 1/2

MINING SHARES

Nandydrug (63-9) 63-9
Burma Corporation (16-6) 16-9
Rio Tintos (£27 1/4) £27 3/4
East Rand Proprietors (81-3) 80-3
Rand Mines (£9 1/8) £9 1/8

MINE SHARES

Crown Mines (£16 1/4) £16 1/8
Gedule New (£11-0) £10 7/8
New Modders (£31 7/8) £31 1/4
Sub Nigel (£12 1/2) £12 1/2
Spring Mines Split Shares (40-0) 39-4 1/2
Union Corporation (£10 7/8) £11 1/8

OIL SHARES

Venezuela Persian (65-7 1/2) 68-1 1/2
Anglo Iranian (118-9) 123-9
Burma Oil (115-0) 120-0
Musical Eagle (29-0) 29-6
Shell Transport (£143 3/4) £144 3/8
Royal Dutch (£48 7/8) £49

HOME RAIL SHARES

Great Western (£59 1/2) £59 1/4
L and S Ordinary (£29 1/2) £29
L N S R Defd (£5 3/8) £5 1/4
Southern Dutch (£22 3/4) £22 5/8
London Paris 5 per cent (£128 1/2) £127 1/2
London Transport 'C' Stock (£96) £96

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

New York, Feb. 17.

The following were to-day's opening rate:—

General Motor (dol 68 3/8) dol 68 1/4
Anaconda Copper Mining (dol 57) dol 57 5/8
U S Steel Common (dol 106 3/8) dol 105 1/2
U S Steel Preference (148 3/4) unquoted.

COMMODITY AND ARMAMENT SHARES FIRM

Giltedged Securities Weaker

(SPECIAL CABLE.)

LONDON, Feb. 17.

On the Stock Exchange commodity shares and few industrials with armament connections briskly demanded some big gains but the rest of the market was rather irregular. Giltedged were again offered showing losses upto £1 1/8.

Courtaulds declared the final dividend of 7 per cent making 9 1/2 per cent gross for the year compared with the final dividend of 7 1/2 net in the last year. Profits of the year are again over two million.

In commodities basemetals especially copper was strong on the White Paper rearmament announcement.

Wall Street was irregular and then firm.

JUTE SHARES STEADY

Coals Fully Firm

CALCUTTA, Feb. 17.

Jutes ruled steady but not much business passing. Coals remained fully firm but trading was rather limited. Teas were unchanged with limited business. In miscellaneous engineerings ruled firm while Indian cables and Great Western hotel kept fully steady. Government securities were easier. Following were the closing quotations:—

Securities:—Three per cent paper 88/9, three and a half per cent paper 95/4, three and a half per cent loan 1947/50 105/2, four per cent loan 1960/70 113/2, five per cent U.P. loan 1944 112/12, three per cent U. P. loan 1961/66 97/10 small lot.

Banks:—Imperial Bank fully paid 1538, small odd lot, Reserve Bank 130/8, small lot.

Cottons:—Dunbar ord. 146, Elgin mills ord. 129, Kesoram ord. 5/4, New Victoria ord 1/5.

Coals:—Amalgamated 26/2, Bengal 317/8, Burrakur 16/10, Borrea ord. 15, Bokaro and Ramgur 16/5, Central 1, Ondal 10/4, Raneegunge 36/4, Satpukhuria and Asansol 1/6, Samla Colliery 3/7, Sendra 15, Standard 33/2, Talcher 2/7, Equitable old 34, Parasea 1/12.

Jutes:—Albion 235, Auckland 183, Dalhousie 318 small lot, Fort William 255, Howrah 52/11, Kamarhatty 520, Megna 30, Nuddea 47, Presidency 4/5, Rameshwara 10/4, Waverley ord 1/15.

Miscellaneous:—Burma Corporation 11/13, Ex Div. Indian Copper 4/4, Bengal telephone pref 14/12, Jubbulpore electric 14/12, Mirzapore electric 6/4, Upper Jumna electric 11, Burn and Co. ord. 318, Indian steel and wire products conty 60/8, Indian steel and wire products ord. 459/8, Indian steel and wire products defd 2300 small lot, Indian Standard wagon ord. 76, Indian iron and steel 38/1. Kumardhubi engineering ord. 6/10, Kumardhubi engineering pref 102, Marshalls 3/4, Hindustan Insurance 98, Bararee Coke 17/12, B. I. corporation ord. 3/13, B. I. corporation pref 151, Dunlop rubber ord. 18/4, Dunlop rubber new pref 104, small lot, Great Eastern hotel WRO/8, Indian cables 16/4, Walfords 3/6, British Burma petroleum 6/12, British Ceylon corporation 6/14, Indo-Burma petroleum 134, India paper pulp 163, Midnapore Zemindary 98/8, Assam saws 1/11, India General Navigation ord 130 small lot.

Sugars:—Balrampore 13/8, Bharat 10 Carew and Co. 18/6, Champaran 19/14, Barduar tea and timber 1/2.—A.P.

COLABA OBSERVATORY, BOMBAY.

Summary of Meteorological Observations during 24 hours ending 8 a.m. of 17-2-1937.

Change of 8 a.m. barometer in past 24 hours plus .072 inches

Temperature (dry bulb) at 8 a.m. 72.5 degrees

Temperature (wet bulb) at 8 a.m. 69.0 degrees

Maximum temperature during 24 hrs 83.0 degrees 0.2 (above normal)

Minimum temperature during 24 hrs 69.1 degrees 1.9 (above normal)

Relative humidity at 8 a.m. 83 per cent.

Direction of wind at 8 a.m. ENE

Velocity of wind at 8 a.m. 4 miles per hour

Total movement of wind in 24 hrs 88 miles

Velocity of maximum gust of wind during 24 hours 13 miles per hour

Extent of cloud at 8 a.m. (the whole sky cloudy eq 10) 0

OFFICIAL BAROMETER READING DATED 17-2-37

At 8-7 a.m. local time (8-46 a.m. Indian Standard Time) and temperature 76.1 deg. F., a mercury barometer without index error at mean sea level would actually read 30.15 inches and a compensated aneroid 29.96 inches

For correction of ships' instruments please subtract from the above official barometer reading 0.001" for every foot of elevation of the instrument above mean sea level.

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGES

London, Feb 16

Rupee Paper 3 1/2 per cent	£71
Indian Stock 3 per cent 1948	£78 1/2
Indian Stock 3 1/2 per cent 1931 or later	£92 3/4
Indian Stock 4 1/2 per cent 1950/55	£111 3/4
Consols 2 1/2 per cent	£80
Conversion Loan 3 1/2 per cent 1961	£103 1/4
War Loan 3 1/2 per cent 1952	£102 1/8
Funding Loan 4 per cent 1960/90	£112 1/2
Victory Bonds 4 per cent	£111
Chartered Bank of I A and China	£16 3/4
Hongkong and Shanghai Bank London reg	£112 1/2
National Bank of India	£47 5/8
P and O Banking Corporation	£10 1/2

NEW YORK COFFEE

New York, Feb 16

Fair Rio Coffee (No. 7 quality)	8 7/8

WEEKLY YARN MARKET REPORT

Bombay, Feb 16

As anticipated in our last report there has been no improvement in the Yarn market during the whole past week and whilst prices have remained nominally unchanged the undertone has been distinctly easy. Reports from all consuming districts have been very discouraging and it looks as if the demand for yarns particularly for Indian yarns has fallen off considerably at least temporarily. Cotton market has also remained very quiet with a declining tendency and this has naturally affected the demand for yarns all over the country. In case of foreign yarns also market has been less active with an uncertain tendency. There has been a general reaction in prices of all kinds of yarns during the last few days which is not surprising in view of the continued activity in the Yarn market for the last several weeks. The future tendency is rather uncertain at present although we do not expect a material decline in prices in the near future.

English Yarns: There is no change in Manchester quotations during the week. No forward business of importance has been possible owing to very high Manchester prices in all kinds of yarns. There is also no forward business in Japanese and Shanghai yarns the prices of which are comparatively lower than Manchester yarns of similar grades

Japanese and Shanghai Yarns: A further small decline in prices all round has taken place during the week under review as a result of continued slack demand from almost all consuming centres. It is reported that there are no large stocks in any of the consuming districts and arrivals are also very limited but on account of the present high level of prices dealers and consumers prefer to wait and watch further developments before committing any fresh purchases particularly when cotton prices continue to show easy tendency. Turnover during the week has been, therefore, very limited even in case of Mercerised yarns where speculation was very heavy during the last few weeks. As regards single and two-fold cotton yarns prices in Shanghai as well as in Japan are much higher as compared with the local prices and naturally, therefore, no forward business of importance has been possible. Sampin has been fluctuating along with cotton prices whereas Exchange has remained unchanged.

Artificial Silk Yarns: Syndicate prices have remained unchanged during the week. Arrivals of Syndicate goods are practically nil and in the near future larger arrivals are not expected. A few sales have been possible from Syndicate stocks at their current prices particularly in Delustred yarns where demand has been showing some further improvement. In case of Japanese yarns prices have remained unchanged with a steady undertone. Stocks are limited both in the local market as well as in consuming districts and arrivals are also not very large. Near shipments from Japan are difficult to obtain at the present level of prices whereas in case of distant shipments dealers do not show any inclination to take risks on account of the uncertain tendency of the market. Enquiries in Japanese Delustred yarns have increased somewhat particularly from Northern part of India and somewhat higher prices have been paid by the consumers on account of limited stocks. Fresh forward business with Japan has been very limited and it appears as though scarcity of goods will be felt in certain popular deniers if Italian consignments will not be arriving in sufficient quantities in the next few weeks. There have been also some rumours in certain quarters about the increase in Custom Duty in the next Budget and this has naturally produced a better feeling for spot goods. Some of the local mills as well as upcountry mills have been making purchases of their requirements of Japanese Art Silk yarns at the present level of prices. The tendency is more hopeful.

Indian Yarns: Offtake in Indian yarns has been very restricted during the week mostly due to continued slack demand from consuming centres and also due to holidays intervening owing to elections. Mills have not been able to make any sales at anything like remunerative prices. Dealers have also been feeling inclined to wait for a better opportunity. to make large purchases. On the whole fresh sales have been very negligible and it is very likely that no sales of importance will be possible by the Mills until after the market is settled down. The future tendency is uncertain.

LONDON SHARE QUOTATIONS

Bombay, Feb. 16.

Messrs. Lewis and Jones, Bombay, have received the following quotations by cable from their London Agents:

Names	Latest Prices. £
London Nigerian Tin Co. Ltd. Ord.	0 10 1½
Guest, Keen and Nettlefold Ltd	1 15 3
Turner and Newall	5 5 0
Associated Electric Industries	2 16 0
Attock Oil	1 5 9
Associated Portland Cement	5 4 6
Automatic Telephone and Elec. Ord.	2 7 9
American Rolling Mills Co.	dol. 38.25
Beira Railways	1 10 6
United Br. Oilfields of Trinidad	0 16 6
Marconi International Marine	1 17 9
Western Union Telegraph	dol. 79.25
General Electric Ordinary	4 14 0
Fairey Aviation Co. Ltd.	1 2 6
Perak Hydro Electric Ordinary	1 11 6
International Rlys. of C. America	dol. 8.00...
Malayalam Plantations	1 19 9
British Burma Petroleum	0 9 6
Soudan Plantation Syndicate	2 9 6
British South Africa (Chartered)	2 1 3
Pahang Consolidated Ord.	1 7 0
Indian Copper Corporation Ord.	0 5 10½
Brazilian Traction Light and Power	dol 25.75
American Radiator	dol 28.25
Timken Roller Bearing Co.	dol 78.50
American Can Company	dol 110.75
General Foods Corporation	dol 44.25
Capital Securities Trust units	0 12 0
British Treasury Bills (3 months)	70 p.c. p.a.

AMERICAN COTTON MARKET

NEW YORK COTTON

New York, Feb 16

March	12.56
May	12.38
July	12.26
October	11.82
December	11.78
January	11.78
Middling Spot	13.06

NEW ORLEANS COTTON

New York, Feb 16

March	12.45
May	12.34
July	12.21
Middling Spot	12.90

NEW YORK

New York, Feb 16

11-00 A.M. RANGES—	
March	12.63/12.63
May	12.47/12.47
July	12.34/12.34
NOON CALL—	
March	12.61
May	12.44
July	12.32

NEW YORK COTTON DAILY STATISTICS

New York, Feb 16

Day's receipts at all U S Ports	15,000 bales
Day's exports to Great Britain	nil
Day's exports to the Continent	9,000 bales
Day's exports to China and Japan	nil

LIVERPOOL COTTON

Liverpool, Feb 16

February	6.95
March	6.95
April	6.95
May	6.95
June	6.93
July	6.91
August	6.76
September	6.65
October	6.58
November	6.54
December	6.53
Middling Spot	7.22
10-12 a.m. quotations.	
March	6.99
May	6.98

EGYPTIAN COTTON

Liverpool, Feb 16

F G F SAKELLARIDIS—	
February	9.29
March	9.29
May	9.57
July	9.59
September	9.59
F G F SPOT	9.81

INDIAN COTTON

Liverpool, Feb 16

BROACH—	
Fully Good (good staple)	5.68
Fine (good staple)	5.83
Superfine (good staple)	5.98
OOMRA—	
Fine (No. 1 staple)	5.70
Superfine (No. 1 staple)	5.85
Choice (No. 1 staple)	6.00
BENGAL—	
Good	4.59
Fully Good	4.69
Fine	4.81

LONDON SEEDS

London, Feb 16

Linseed La Plata Hull C.I.F. February sellers	£11-15-0
Linseed Calcutta London C.I.F. February March sellers	£13-17-6
Linseed Bombay London C.I.F. February March sellers	£13-17-6
Rapeseed Toria Hull/Cont C.I.F. February March sellers	£13-15-0
Castorseed Bombay Hull C.I.F. February March sellers	£13-15-0

LONDON PRODUCE

London, Feb 16

Wheat Rozario Santa Fe February March sellers	39/9
Wheat Barletta Russo	unquoted
Wheat South Australian February sellers	43/9

LINSEED OIL

London, Feb 16

Linseed Oil naked London per cwt March sellers	27
Linseed Oil naked London per cwt February August sellers	27/3

LONDON RUBBER

London, Feb 16

Smoked Sheet Standard ribbed per lb. Sellers	10 7/16

LONDON SILVER

London, Feb 16

Spot	20 1/16
Forward	20 1/16

LONDON GOLD

London, Feb 16

Gold Bars Fine per ounce	£7-2-0 1/2

LONDON DISCOUNT RATE

London, Feb 16

Bank Bills 3 months market rate Unchanged
Bank Bills 6 months market rate Unchanged
Fine Trade Bills 3 months market rate Unchanged
Fine Trade Bills 6 months market rate Unchanged
Interest day to day loan 1/2 per cent to 1/2 per cent
Interest 7 days market loan 1/2 per cent

LONDON EXCHANGES

London, Feb 16

T T London on:—	
New York	4.89 13/16
Paris	105.10
Berlin	12.17
Madrid	nominal 71.50
Amsterdam	8 95
Brussels	29.03 1/4
Milan	93 03
Berne	21 46 1 2
Prague	148 50

MOVE AGAINST "OFFICES"

A. I. Anti-Constitution Conference To Be Held Shortly

ALLAHABAD, February 17.

There is a move on foot to organise throughout the country Anti-Constitution Committees in order to influence the opinions of Provincial and District Congress Committees on the question of Office Acceptance. Efforts are being made to extend an invitation to the National Convention, to Executives of the All-India Trade Union Congress, Kisan and Students Organisations, the All-India Socialist Party and other Leftist Organisations so that the decisions taken may represent the views of all the progressive forces in the country.

If possible, the All-India Anti-Constitution Conference will be held on the eve of the All-India Congress Committee meeting, which is to decide the office acceptance issue.

SOCIALIST VIEW

According to a prominent Socialist the question of office acceptance should not be decided merely on Parliamentarian considerations but should take into account all major political considerations, particularly its effect on the mass struggle.—A.P.

DEFENCE AND INDIAN STATES

Sub-Committee Discussions

NEW DELHI, Feb. 17.

Although no final agenda has yet been prepared, it is understood from lobby talks, that subject to the approval of the standing committee of the Chamber of Princes which meets to-morrow, resolutions affirming loyalty to King George VI, welcoming Lord Linlithgow as the Viceroy and recommending that the number of members to the Standing Committee be fixed at eleven, will be moved at the forthcoming session of the Chamber of Princes.

The special sub-committee of the Chamber of Princes on sections of the Act met to-day, under the chairmanship of the Yuvraj of Limbdi.

The committee is understood to have discussed all clauses upto 126 including the note on administration by the Yuvraj of Limbdi and another on defence by Sardar Panikar.

The committee is expected to finish its work to-morrow.

Those who attended the meeting included Sir Manubhai Mehta Mr. Zaidi (Rampur), Nabi Bux (Chief Minister, Bhawalpur) Mr. D. K. Sen, Messrs. Pawar, Shroff Khotak and the Yuvraj of Serailthela. The Dewan of Shahpur and Lalakanwar Sain were present as observers.—A. P.

RESHUFFLING OF PARTIES IN SIND

KARACHI, Feb. 17.

With the announcement of the defeat of Mr. Sitaldas, the Congress nominee, by the Independent candidate Mr. Bhojsingh, from Sukkur Central Constituency by 4,093 to 2,081 votes, the Congress strength in the new Sind Assembly will be seven, the six other candidates having been defeated.

The strongest single party is the United Party with 21 members returned of the 29 they set up.

The Azad Party has, it is feared, been left with only one member, namely its leader, Sheik Abdul Majid, since the other successful candidate of the party is, it is reported, joining the United Party.

With the election results nearing their close, negotiations are already afoot to absorb non-party candidates in one or other of the existing political parties; so much so that there will be a reshuffling of the successful candidates resulting in a change of the state of the parties.—A. P.

CHINESE BAN ON CHARAS

NEW DELHI, Feb. 17

The Chinese authorities at Kashgar have banned the export of Charas and are arranging also to stop its cultivation. A regulation forbidding both its cultivation and export has already been issued. This decision of the Chinese Government will have an unfavourable effect on India's trade with Chinese Turkistan. for hitherto the price of Charas exported to India was utilised to pay the cost of articles exported from India.

Another aspect of the problem is that this sudden stoppage of the export of Charas to India, without cultivation of Charas in India to meet the present local demand, will encourage smuggling. Satisfaction is expressed, however, that this year's demand will be met by the Charas already imported and meanwhile steps will be taken to meet future requirements.—A. P.

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Lancashire Clamours For Favourable Treatment

Importance Of Immigration Agreement

Butler's Warning Not To Prejudice Indian Market Advantages By Attempting To Get Advantages In Burma

LONDON, February 17.

In the House of Commons Mr. Butler moved that an address be presented to His Majesty praying that the Indo-Burman Trade Regulation Order, 1937 be made in the form of draft, he laid before Parliament.

At the outset, Mr. Butler paid tribute to the work of Sir Reginald Craddock and said he seemed to bring to the House a classic knowledge on Indian administration, and a genial personality which seemed to bring colour into the most arid discussions (cheers).

Explaining the history of the Order Mr. Butler said it become gradually clear that the real and vital interests of Burma and India should suffer, through their trading relations, no immediate dislocation, because the immediate advantage of revenue duties to one or other of Governments would not be worth the dislocation so caused.

Indo-Burma Trade

Turning to the main features of Order, Mr. Butler said they were meant to preserve the existing free trade between India and Burma and to maintain in main the existing tariff schedules.

Why was this free trade regime between the two countries so important? Burma depended for her livelihood upon a rich flow her natural resources passing from her ports, particularly Rangoon to India. This rich natural produce passing from that smiling country was providing Burma with her very life blood—her rich oil and teak.

Two-thirds of Burma's rice, all her oil and eighty per cent. of her teak was marketed in India which in return sent annually three hundred thousand coolies to harvest the rice crop which in turn was marketed to India. Therefore the interests of two countries were indissolubly bound together.

Lancashire Demand

After pointing out that that the agreement maintained 'status quo' as regards Indo-Burma trade for an interim period of three years, Mr. Butler alluded to the interests of Britain saying there was first the great export trade from Burma financed largely if not entirely by British capital, and said that the amount was between forty to sixty million sterling.

He was also fully aware of the viewpoint of the British exporter, who felt that a country like Burma should give him the advantage of lower tariff wall in cotton textiles or certain steel products. Where immediate reduction in cotton duty to be conceded the result would undoubtedly be that India would be alienated from Burma with disastrous results to Indo-Burma trade and both would be alienated from Britain.

Therefore, an interim period was suggested wherein Burma would not be able materially to reduce duties on goods produced both in the United Kingdom and India save by agreement between the two Governments. Therefore, in the case of the United Kingdom imports Burma's 'status quo' continued to save where negotiations between the two jointly would secure modification.

Japanese Import

Mr. Butler added that for the interim period the position of the exporter was not worse while he was given a chance to consider opportunities in future.

Alluding to the clause stating that the maximum quota of Japanese goods was not to exceed the total quantity introduced in 1934-35, Mr. Butler pointed out that Japanese imports that year had amounted to forty-two million yards, under half of what they were in the previous year and two-thirds of what they were a year after.

The Trade Agreement, therefore, did secure that the proportion of Japanese imports to Burma should be at an exceptionally low figure and opined that this would be a very definite help to the exporter.

Ottawa Agreement

Mr. Butler added that negotiations at present continuing between Japan and Burma had reached an agreement on the main heads, but he was not yet cognizant of their final form. With regard to future negotiations to be held this year as soon as possible to replace the Ottawa Agreements, it was likely there would be a representative of Burma negotiating with Britain and representatives of India negotiating with Britain separately and simultaneously.

The value of this would be that if it is possible for any agreed concessions to be reached they could be covered by the terms of this order.

Immigration Agreement

The object of Immigration Agreement was that no restriction should be placed on immigration from India to Burma, provided that there were none in the contrary sense. It was an agreement on which the Royal Commission on Labour and the Select Committee were agreed, and in view of the importance to Burma of this large flood of immigration some such agreement should be reached.

The matter had been under consideration for many years, and it was essential that this order should be passed to avoid uncertainty and dislocation of trade. It was hoped India and Burma would start their independent courses uninfluenced by prejudice and undisturbed by too rapid a sundering of bonds before the important trade negotiations were undertaken this year.

He hoped British trade interests would reflect that better opportunities would be offered by patience and respect, now and later, for the real interests of the two countries with which future cordial relations were desired.

British Textile Trade

Sir Henry Page Croft declared that Burma was exploited fiscally by India in the past. He could never understand why Burma should be penalised by big tariffs on British textiles and other goods. Surely Burmese duties on British goods should be such as were necessary for revenue purposes.

Since 1932, when we started the glad road to reform and prosperity our textile exports in yardage to Burma decreased by half. At the present rate, in eight years British trade with India and Burma will be entirely lost.

He could not vote against Government, but he asked Mr. Butler for a categorical pledge that when the discussion were held he and Mr. Runciman would use the whole economic powers of this country and the British colonial Empire to see that some vestige of our great trade was preserved.

Labour Opposition

Mr. Morgan Jones said that the Labour Party did not now withdraw one iota from the contentions they advanced when opposing the Government when the measures were before the House.

Government had not granted India and Burma that full measure of Self-Government that the Labour Party desired.

He demurred from the suggestion that Lancashire's condition was mainly due to the failure of appropriate treatment by India and Burma.

While he wished Lancashire all possible success in the direction of revival of her industry, they must enable the Indians and the Burmese to safeguard the interests of their own people.

Labour offered no opposition to the Order as it seemed an inevitable concomitant of the Indo-Burma Act. Sir Walter Smiles urged that three years should be fixed as the maximum time in which the Agreement should be reconsidered.

If we have given India and Burma these rights of Self-Government, and they carry them out, they ought to be capable of reviewing these arrangements for

(Continued on Page 3, Col. 2).

Left:—Public procession at Nadiad in support of the local Congress candidates. Right:—Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru arrives at Ahmednagar in connection with the election campaign. On his left is Mr. Firodia, President of the District Local Board and Congress candidate for the Assembly election.

Jawahar Stays One Hour In City

BOMBAY, Wednesday.

Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, looked proud in spirit though tired physically when he got down from the Madras Mail this morning. He had exactly an hour's stay in the city of Bombay. He rushed to his sister's house at Warden Road, had a bath, a cup of hot tea, and dashed back to the Dadar Station to catch the Allahabad Express.

The President of the Congress has every reason to be proud of his achievement on personal grounds apart from the success that the Congress has had at the polls. He was perhaps more active than others right from the day the Faizpur session of the Indian National Congress concluded to the day he boarded the Allahabad Express in Bombay this morning in connection with the Congress election campaign.

More than fifty days he has been on the move; had recourse to all conveyances including the aeroplane; addressed at an average ten meetings a day, toured throughout the length and breadth of India conveying the message of the Congress.

The youthful but somewhat sad looking President of the Congress did during the past few days something which has never been done before. As to how many millions of words he must have spoken during his tour, it is difficult to say but it should surely be several millions.

The Election Campaign he concluded only this morning, when he came from Maharashtra. Apart from the Election meetings that he addressed, he had other work to do during the tour. He had to issue instructions to the Provincial Congress Committees; reply to charges against the Congress by enemies of Congress; receive addresses by dozens; hear and settle local Congress disputes and in between look to the correspondence that was pouring in every day. The aeroplane, the train; the bus and the car; the khatara, the motor-bike and the cycle were among the vehicles that he used. He actually fled like an "arrow from one end of the country to another." He goes back to Allahabad and though very much tired has to take up on hand the work of the Convention, the A.I.C.C. meeting and the Working Committee meeting at the end of the month.

Mrs. Sarojini Naidu; Mr. and Mrs. Hatheesingh and Mr. M. R. Masani were at the station to see Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru off. For once during the last two months, the Congress President did not seem to be in a hurry nor could one detect the usual impatience on his face. He looked thoroughly satisfied not only with his work but with the achievement of the Congress. But he was going back to the Congress headquarters to issue further instructions to the P.C.Cs.

Allahabad Socialists And Dominion Status

ALLAHABAD, February 17.

The local branch of the Congress Socialist Party, at a meeting held yesterday, passed a resolution protesting against the statement made by Mahatma Gandhi that he was willing to accept Dominion Status under certain circumstances.

The resolution expressed regret that a responsible man like Gandhiji should issue a statement, which was contrary to the resolution of the Indian National Congress.

The meeting recorded its opposition to the views expressed by Gandhiji.—A.P.

Huge Reward For Beatty's Assassins

NEW DELHI, February 17.

Vigorous search is being made by the Frontier Government to capture the assassins of Lt.-Beatty, who was recently waylaid and deprived of Rs. 30,000. It is reported that four of the culprits have been identified to be Madakhel tribesmen. They are still in their homes in the Madakhel area.

It is understood that the Government has offered a reward of about Rs. 10,000 to the person who captures the culprits. It is believed that the motive of the crime was merely to loot money which Lt.-Beatty was carrying.—A.P.

SIKHS LINE UP WITH CONGRESS

Left Wingers Decide To Present United Front

LAHORE, Feb. 16.

A special meeting of Left Wing Sikh representatives including Congressmen, Socialists and Akalis at Amritsar has unanimously decided in favour of presenting United Front under the banner of the Congress and evolving a joint policy "with the object of wrecking the Constitution." And in pursuance of the Congress resolution the meeting appealed to Sikh public to observe April 1, as anti-Constitution Day."

It will be recalled that the other wing among the Sikh Parliamentary representatives, namely Halsa National Party, has unanimously decided at Amritsar to present United Front in order to serve Sikh interests according to their own programme.—A. P.

NO DISSENSIONS IN CONGRESS PARTY

LAHORE, Feb. 16.

Congress circles in Lahore stoutly deny the published reports that the Party is rent by keen dissensions over the question of Party leader and that Dr. Gopichand and Lala Dunichand of Ambala are aspirants to it. A meeting to decide this issue was to have been held to-day but has been postponed until Sunday next.

In order to insure harmony it is stated Dr. Gopichand has enjoined his own supporters not to suggest his name for leadership. —A. P. ?

CONGRESS SWEEPS POLLS IN NADIAD

(From A Correspondent.)

NADIAD, Feb. 17.

Bombay Assembly elections begins to-day. Enthusiastic scenes were witnessed throughout the district. Congress candidates are sweeping the polls. Congress victory is assured.

Well No. 33 at Singu is now completed with an initial production of 105 barrels of oil.

RESEARCH IN SOCIALISM

Move To Establish Non-Party Educational Institute

ALLAHABAD, Feb. 16.

It is understood that a proposal to organise an Indian Socialist Research Institute to carry on research work regarding Indian conditions, economic and agrarian, from the Socialist point of view at an early date, is engaging the attention of the All-India Congress Socialist Party. The idea, it seems, is to have a registered society with paying and honorary membership.

JAWAHAR APPROVES.

It is further learnt that Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru has approved the idea underlying this scheme.

The Institute may be located either at Allahabad or Bombay and Dr. Ram Manohar Lohia, Secretary of the Foreign Department of the All-India Congress Committee is likely to be Director of the Institute which will be a non-party institution and will not be attached to any political organisation.

The purpose will be entirely educational and academic.—United Press.

"SARDAR TURNING DICTATOR"

Sahajanand Saraswati Issues Statement

PATNA, Feb. 16.

Swami Sahajanand Saraswati, General Secretary, All-India Kisan Committee, has issued a lengthy statement in connection with Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel's "threatening attitude against the Andhra Kisan Sabha" for issuing what is called the 'peasants pledge" to be signed by Congressmen.

In his statement Swami Sahajanand vigorously protests against and vehemently criticises the Sardar's action alleging that Sardarji is turning to be a 'dictator.'

Pointing out that Bihar Congress Working Committee did not object to Congressmen signing the 'peasants pledge,' Swami Sahajanand says:

"In Bihar, we of the Kisan Sabha have fundamental differences with Babu Rajendra Prasad and other members of the Working Committee of the Provincial Congress and at times these become very acute. Still we pull on together not because of the fear of disciplinary action but simply because of the tact and foresight of Rajendra Babu who always tries his best to accommodate us.

"Bihar's marvellous success, of which the Sardar is proud, is due to it."—United Press.

MEMORIAL TO HARKISHANLAL

Punjab Congress Decision

LAHORE, Feb. 16.

A resolution condoling the death of Lala Harkishanlal was adopted at a meeting of the Punjab Provincial Congress Committee held this evening.

A Sub-Committee was appointed to consider ways and means for raising a suitable memorial to perpetuate Lala Harkishanlal's memory.

The successful Congress candidates in the elections to the Punjab Legislatures were congratulated at the meeting and the Provincial Parliamentary Board was then dissolved.

The Committee "inter alia" appointed a sub-committee with Lala Shamlal as Chairman to make arrangements in connection with the observance of Hartal on April 1, the day of inauguration of the New Constitution.—United Press.

PARLIAMENT OF RELIGIONS

CALCUTTA, Feb. 16.

Pandit Malaviya has accepted the invitation of the Sri Ramkrishna Centenary Committee to preside over one day's session of the Parliament of Religions to be held at Calcutta from March 1st.

Dr. Brojendra Nath Seal has also agreed to preside on one day's session of the Parliament of Religions.—United Press.

EDGAR WALLACE'S DETECTIVE STORY DAY BY DAY

"The Green Ribbon"

Inspector Wade—

IF I HAD A MIRROR I MIGHT BE ABLE TO ATTRACT THE ATTENTION OF THOSE TELEPHONE LINEMEN--BUT I'VE SEARCHED THIS WHOLE ROOM AND THERE'S NONE!
HEY, YOU---HERE'S SOME FOOD! I'LL BE BACK FOR TH' PLATE IN FIFTEEN MINUTES!
DID YOU SAY--- FOOD!
HE'S GOING AWAY--I'LL HAVE TO WORK FAST-- ONLY FIFTEEN MINUTES!
THIS SPOON ISN'T AS GOOD AS A MIRROR, BUT IT WILL HAVE TO DO! NOW IF THEY ONLY SEE IT!
LYMAN ANDERSON

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